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UNFOUNDED REPORT.

Movement of Sappers in India Not Intended as Menace to Russia.

(Associated Press.)

London, May 19.—With regard to the statement published in the United States that Great Britain is planning a military expedition into Thibet, and that it is intended as a menace to Russia, the only foundation for the report appears to be the fact that the Indian mail brings advices that a small body of Indian sappers and pioneers has been sent to rebuild the road up the Teesta valley to the frontier, and that there is some speculative talk in the Indian papers regarding the possibility of pushing on the railway to Thibet through the Bholan territory. There is no suggestion of any menace to Russia.

CRUELTIES IN CONGO.

A Number of the Guilty Officers Have Been Discharged.

(Associated Press.)

London, May 19.—The Daily Chronicle's Geneva correspondent learns that the Congo state authorities are investigating the charges of committing atrocities upon the natives brought against the Congo state officials, and have already dismissed many officials whose guilt was proved.

FREIGHT CHARGES.

Railway Officers to Decide Regarding Publication of Imports and Export Rates.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, May 19.—Executive officers of railroads have met here and have appointed a committee to meet the trunk line representatives in June in New York to reach an agreement regarding the publication of import and export rates. It has been ascertained that the Interstate Commerce Commission will be satisfied with the publication of the through rate from the point of origin in Europe to the point of destination in this country, and vice versa, or with the publication of the inland proportion of the import and export rates. The solution favored by many of the traffic men is an agreement regarding fixed differentials below New York on both imports and exports, which can be allowed all other ports from Montreal to Galveston.

EXCESSIVE DUTIES

Imposed By Russians at Newchwang Is Driving Trade Away.

(Associated Press.)

London, May 19.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that the excessive duties imposed on both exports and imports of Newchwang by the Russians are driving trade away.

BROWN'S STORY IS OUT AT LAST

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Tables Report of His Executive Officer, Purporting to Give What Transpired at the Famous Council Meeting.

The committee inquiring into the Columbia & Western subsidy matter were treated to an interesting budget of reading this morning. This was in connection with the documents and correspondence produced by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. An adjournment was taken until this afternoon until counsel could peruse the documentary evidence produced.

At the morning sitting there were present Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R.; Mr. Creelman, C. P. R. counsel, and Mr. Oswald, all of Montreal, and E. P. Davis, K. C., of Vancouver.

On opening a message was read from Geo. McL. Brown in reply to that sent him asking for the production of all correspondence. His reply was "Sir Thomas is bringing papers referred to in your message."

The committee then discussed the question of having Mr. Brown present to give evidence with the papers in the possession of the committee. Sir Thomas stated that Geo. McL. Brown was in Vancouver still. It was therefore decided to send a message to him at once, calling upon him to come over immediately and give his evidence.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy being sworn, Mr. Duff made inquiry of him as to the documents promised by Mr. Brown on 1st April, and which were apparently sent for on May 4th. He did not think that much could be done until these had been examined.

Sir Thomas explained that these documents had been sent to Mr. Brown on May 4th. He had them all with him now.

Mr. Duff asked for a delay until the afternoon in order that counsel might examine these.

Mr. Clifford stated that Sir Thomas had come 3,000 miles and wanted to know if the proceedings could not be gone on with.

Mr. Duff pointed out that by the delay they would gain time. It was no fault of the committee or of counsel that the delay should occur. Had these documents been sent forward as promised at the time of Mr. Brown's former appearance before the committee the matter might have been proceeded with. He asked Sir Thomas if all the documents touching upon the matter were produced.

Sir Thomas having previously intimated that he had documents which he would produce during his examination, Mr. Duff pressed that these should all be laid before counsel.

After a conference among Sir Thomas, Mr. Creelman, Mr. Oswald and E. P. Davis, it was decided to produce all these, Sir Thomas asking leave to have them before him during examination.

The question was asked as to whether the documents in the possession of Mr. Oswald were also produced. Mr. Oswald thereupon delivered over all he had.

The committee then rose until the afternoon, while counsel and members of the committee examined the letters and documents.

Mr. Brown's Report.

Of all the correspondence brought by Sir Thomas, the most interesting by far is what purports to be a stenographic report of the stormy meeting which has so often been alluded to as taking place after the rescinding order of the 18th of March, 1902, when Geo. McL. Brown appeared before the executive and entered his vigorous protest against the cancellation of the grants. Different ministers have described that meeting as a stormy one. The report which is now produced is a damaging one to the ministry unless its members can disprove many of the statements contained in it.

The document is the report of Mr. Brown to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and gives the meeting as taking place on 24th March, 1902, six days after the rescinding order.

After the formal adjournment this morning cabinet ministers hung over the members of the committee while the contents of this important document were read and expressed themselves in strong terms as to the veracity of the report. Hon. Mr. Prentice is anxious to go in the witness stand and declare the report a fabrication. He says no stenographer was present at the meeting; that it did not last long, and that he was the man who really called Mr. Brown to order, not Premier Prior, as stated in this report. Mr. Prentice claims to have made things very interesting in the meeting, and to have put an end to Mr. Brown's protestations.

The supposition is that the report must have been prepared by Mr. Brown immediately after the meeting took place from memory of the proceedings. It reads, however, like a stenographic report of the conference. In addition to Mr. Brown there appears to have been present Premier Dunsmuir, Col. Prior, Mr. Eberts, Mr. Prentice and Mr. Wells.

Mr. Brown states in the report that he attended the meeting of the executive on March 24th, 1902, after the cancellation order had been passed. He expressed his disgust in terms which in one instance at least exceeded the bounds of parliamentary etiquette, and said the act of the ministry was nothing but repudiation.

He also referred to the fact that he had acquainted Sir Thomas Shaughnessy with the circumstances, and that the president had replied that the government were doing something that would not be tolerated in private business transactions.

He drew a parallel case between his own company and the lands to which it was entitled, and that of Mr. Dunsmuir and the E. & N., and pictured how Mr. Dunsmuir would feel if his crown grants

SIR THOS. SHAUGHNESSY.

were cancelled as they were earned. Mr. Dunsmuir said "There is this difference: We get our lands from the Dominion government."

Mr. Brown replied: "Yes, and we do not get our lands from the provincial government."

Characteristic expressions by different ministers are given, even to the ex-Premier's "By dang." This is held by members of the committee as to a certain extent proving the authenticity of the report.

Mr. Dunsmuir is reported to have explained the position as follows: "We made a mistake and we must correct it. We went outside the act to give these lands."

The real reason of the cancellation, however, seems to have come out under pressure when some of the ministers declared that so many questions had been put in the House that to carry through the original arrangement meant the defeat of the government. Mr. Wells further said that he told Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that if he delivered the grants that it would defeat the government, and Sir Thomas replied, if that were so he didn't want the grants.

Mr. Brown also retails a conversation he stated he had with Mr. Wells just before leaving Victoria after the above interview. Mr. Wells asked him to withdraw his letter already before the committee, in which he referred to a promise Mr. Wells had made that the C. P. R. would get lands in question. The latter said he was speaking in his private capacity and not as a minister, and said Brown was taking an unfair advantage and shouldn't seek to bind the government.

Mr. Brown refused to withdraw the letter and Mr. Wells said if the company didn't want his friendship they would have to do without it.

Mr. Brown again complained of the cancellation and Mr. Wells said "Well, we were up against it and had to do it."

The two men parted in the elevator and Mr. Brown going to his room wrote out the conversation.

Reference is made in the report that shows that it was members of the cabinet rather than members of the House that were understood to be implicated in the deal.

Among other documents submitted is a dispatch from Mr. Brown to Sir Thos. Shaughnessy confirming the statement that Mr. Wells had promised him that lands in Southeast Kootenay would go as part of subsidy for section 4. In the same dispatch Mr. Brown states that he doubted Mr. Wells's sincerity.

Sir Thomas's reply is to the effect that the company having no means of compelling the government to keep good faith, and it will not do so, the best plan is to accept the situation.

There is also a letter from Sir Thos. to Mr. Brown claiming that the crown grants were actually delivered and Mr. Wells permitted to bring them back on the understanding that he would not retain them over a month.

A copy also is filed of a letter from Mr. Brown to Mr. Wells, dated 15th April, 1902, in which he reiterates the statement that the Chief Commissioner had promised that the Columbia & Western would get those blocks, and that a bill would be brought down to give them a subsidy for section 4.

There is also a printer's proof copy of bill 87, of 1902, transmitted to Sir Thomas on 15th May, although the books of King's Printer show that it was not printed for presentation to the House until the 22nd.

A significant incident is the absence of Mr. Wells's memo to Sir Thomas with respect to the continuation of the line to Spence's Bridge, a copy of which has already been transmitted to the committee by Mr. Wells.

There were a number of public men present this morning in addition to the ministers, including F. Carter-Cotton and ex-Governor Macintosh.

It was remarked that when Mr. Wells entered the room he shook hands smilingly with both Sir Thomas and Mr. Creelman.

Shaughnessy's Statement.

At this afternoon's sitting Sir Thomas explained why letters were not delivered more promptly. He said that he had informed Mr. Brown that nothing very important appeared in them and insisting that they be taken great care of in case they were needed for any action subsequently, he had retained them awaiting further requests. They had been forwarded and arrived after Mr. Brown's departure for Victoria. He (Sir Thomas) had now brought them over.

Sir Thomas said he had a very vivid recollection of matters affecting this matter, as he had endeavored to have a settlement made. On September 6th, 1901, Mr. Brown telegraphed on the matter.

On September 11th, 1901, Mr. Brown telegraphed in reply to a message of July 31st, for early settlement that an order-in-council was to be forthcoming.

On September 11th Mr. Brown sent word he had an order-in-council for full settlement.

On 13th September Mr. Brown sent a certified copy of maps and the order-in-council for a settlement of section 1 and 3.

On 20th November, 1901, Hon. Mr. Wells called at his office about 5.30 in the afternoon. Mr. Wells said he came down to make delivery of grants in connection with matters. He had a conversation on various matters, which he did not recollect. Mr. Wells finally asked leave to retain the patents for the two blocks which are now known as 4,593 and 4,594. Sir Thomas said it was rather an extraordinary request. Mr. Wells said there were vacancies in the cabinet, and that it would be a great compliment to have these until the vacancies were filled. He promised delivery in 30 days.

Mr. Creelman came in during this conversation.

Next morning Mr. Wells came for receipts for the grants. He discussed the question of building the Spence's Bridge line. Sir Thomas said he spoke of the attitude of the government to his company. He pointed out that while much money had been spent that there had been scarcely any line paying yet. He was not prepared to build more until better returns were given or until a more settled policy of the government was decided upon.

Mr. Wells still pressed for it, and handed in a memorandum. Sir Thomas afterwards, on November 22nd, wrote a letter in reply, which was already produced.

Handed a copy of the memorandum, Sir Thomas said that he did not recognize it as such. He could find the original on his files. Probably this was the memo.

He urged Brown to get the patents delivered, and had been pressing for it for a long time.

Nothing was done until March 22nd, 1902, when Brown telegraphed stating that the government, without any notice, had cancelled the grant. Wells and other ministers, he said, had urged political expediency as the cause, and promised a settlement for the fourth section. Mr. Wells promised East Kootenay lands as settlement.

On 24th March he replied to Brown and said he had no way of forcing the government to hold to their agreement, and that men in politics apparently could do things not allowed in public business. He added that Brown had probably better accept the situation.

He conferred with Mr. Creelman, who advised him without reference to delivery of grants to witness, that the title had passed on account of the great seal being attached.

He hesitated taking action for some little time. Finally, on May 7th, 1902, he telegraphed Mr. Brown advising him to say nothing until after the House was through, then inform the government that title had passed as the great seal had been attached. He advised saying nothing because legislation might be passed to deprive them of their rights. "We were wise in our generation," said Sir Thomas. He also advised Brown that Mr. Wells had promised delivery in 30 days.

The only message from Mr. Wells was on 27th November, 1902, after Wells had been told by him what ground was to be taken by the company.

Mr. Wells replied theat if the ground was established no further trouble would ensue.

On 27th November Mr. Wells sent a message saying he was ready to take the matter up at any time.

Sir Thomas answered that he was ready at any time to take the matter up.

Mr. Duff then began his cross-examination.

DISMISSED FROM OFFICE.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, May 19.—The report that General Raaben, governor of Kisheneff, where the massacre of Jews occurred a month ago, had been dismissed by the Czar, is confirmed. The Imperial ukase dismissing the general was dated May 17th. The authorities here have suppressed the Volney, and have prohibited street sales of the paper.

MR. DUNSMUIR AND HIS EMPLOYEES

WILL LAY PROPOSALS BEFORE THE MINERS

Meeting of Committee Representing the Men and President of Coal Company.

(Special to the Times.)

Ladysmith, May 17.—A conference between the owner of the Wellington collieries and a committee of his employees on strike has at last taken place, and there are now strong hopes and probabilities that a settlement will be arrived at before the royal labor commission, which reopened its sittings to-day, concludes its labors at this place. As the result of many interviews and conferences between the commissioners and the counsel for the miners and Mr. Dunsmuir, and some tactful management on the part of the commissioners and counsel at the close of to-day's sittings, an arrangement was effected whereby Mr. Dunsmuir and a committee of his men were brought into conference together tonight. The interview lasted for some time, and was concluded by the mine owner agreeing to lay before his men alternative propositions on his return to Ladysmith on Wednesday night, when his examination before the commission is to be continued. Unless in the interval the men should receive assurances from the Western Federation of Miners that $14,000 a month will be forthcoming in their support, it is possible that Thursday morning will see the end of the strike.

The discussion which took place at the conclusion of to-day's sittings of the commission, and which was a preliminary to the meeting between the parties, was more suggestive of the attitude of Mr. Dunsmuir towards unions and the public generally in regard to the management of his own business than anything said by him during the course of his examination before the commission. As, perhaps, the most important part of to-day's proceedings it is deserving of reproduction in detail:

Mr. Bodwell: "I understand, Mr. Dunsmuir, that a committee of the men wish to have an interview with you while you are here?"

Chief Justice Hunter: "Simply as representing themselves, I understand?"

Mr. Bodwell: "I have a statement here in writing: 'We, the undersigned miners residing at Ladysmith, are willing to have an interview with Mr. Dunsmuir in connection with the present difficulties between him and the miners. It is distinctly understood that we are not representing any union in this interview, but are only representing the miners here; but that further, it is not to be understood that we in doing so are foregoing any rights that we have or ought to have in connection with organized labor.'"

Mr. Dunsmuir: "Well I won't meet them. I have told the committee that I won't meet them until they withdraw from the Federation; then, and not till then, that is my stand. I will treat them as my own men, and nothing to do with the Federation. I will meet a committee."

Mr. Bodwell: "It seems a pity that there cannot be a meeting practically without prejudice, an arrangement in some way."

Commissioner Rowe: "I understand that is all the men ask—without prejudice."

Mr. Bodwell: "Perhaps we might effect this."

Mr. Bodwell then read over the above paragraph as far as the words "miners" here, adding: "I suppose if it stopped with these words it would be all right?"

Mr. Dunsmuir: "Read that again." Mr. Bodwell re-reads the passage.

Mr. Dunsmuir: "That's all right, that far."

Mr. Bodwell: "The men have added, and I do not know why, 'but that further it is not to be understood that we in doing so are foregoing any rights that we have or ought to have in connection with organized labor.'"

Mr. Dunsmuir: "No, take that out."

Chief Justice Hunter: "I do not see any force in the addition of that paragraph. It adds nothing nor subtracts nothing. I don't see that that provision helps or hurts them."

Mr. Senkler (representing the miners): "The reason for putting that in is that the men don't wish it to be said now, or ever said, that they have not the right to maintain their right to organize. It might be said they would be giving in to Mr. Dunsmuir."

Chief Justice Hunter: "The probabilities are that Mr. Dunsmuir will probably take up that point anyway after receiving them, if he receives them."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"Why should I give in any more than they should? I won't give in one inch. I will meet them as my men and not in connection with any federation or organization." (Turning to the miners in the room) "Pick out any men and I will meet them." (To the commissioners) "We are not fixing that up now. I am here to give my evidence as to the cause of the strike."

Mr. Bodwell—"I do not know how anyone could understand that they were waiving anything by appointing a committee to meet Mr. Dunsmuir. If they come to an agreement, all right. If not, then——"

Mr. Dunsmuir—"It is just the same."

Chief Justice Hunter—"I cannot see how the men are going to prejudice themselves by meeting Mr. Dunsmuir in this way."

Mr. Senkler—"I suppose not, as long as they understand it that way. But where it is put as Mr. Dunsmuir puts it——"

Chief Justice Hunter—"It is meeting them as a committee from these men. When they meet they will probably have to discuss all about that."

Mr. Senkler—"Why not throw out any written agreement in connection with this matter? I am in a position to state this, that a committee of the men will be glad to meet Mr. Dunsmuir, and in seeing him they would not represent any organization of any kind, simply the miners here."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"Put it in writing, leave the balance of that out, then I'll meet them."

Chief Justice Hunter—"That question will probably be discussed at the interview."

Rev. Mr. Rowe—"It seems to me a superfluous statement. No man foregoes his rights by having an interview where a question involving——"

Mr. Bodwell—"Mr. Baker has been here and insisted that Mr. Dunsmuir should recognize the committee. The reporters are here, it might get out to the world that the committee undertook——"

Mr. Dunsmuir—"I am not here to settle this in court here. I can settle it outside. What I mean to say is I am going to have the right to carry on my own business without the interference of anybody. If the men like to meet me as a committee of my own men I will see them, but not, as I have always said, from the union. That is what I have always said, and that is my stand."

Mr. Bodwell—"After this statement I do not see why that meeting should not take place."

Chief Justice Hunter—"How will this do? (reads): 'It is agreed that Mr. Dunsmuir will meet a committee of the miners, representing the miners of Extension, and not as the executive of any union.'"

Mr. Dunsmuir—"What I told the men was that I would not recognize them until they withdrew from the federation. They cannot force me to recognize that federation."

Chief Justice Hunter—"The first point is to get the meeting."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"Your Honor, I came up here to give my evidence as to the cause of the strike, and not in any way to try and settle this dispute."

Chief Justice Hunter—"I think you must admit that the public is affected and agree that in the interest of the public something ought to be done to settle."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"Well, I can't help that. I don't give way."

Chief Justice Hunter—"If anyone is giving way it is the men. They agree to see you in their individual capacity. The point is to have the meeting."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"I will meet a committee of my own workmen, in no way connected with the union."

Chief Justice Hunter—"I understand they don't wish to see you as representatives of the union."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"And let the committee be picked out of this room. I don't want the executive, they can have one or two of them."

Mr. Senkler—"We have the names of Barnes, Jeffries and Doherty."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"They belong to the executive, and that would be recognizing the union."

Mr. Senkler—"I am instructed that Mr. Barnes and Mr. Jeffries do not belong to the executive."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"Well, if you don't belong to the executive I don't mind meeting you. I won't have anything to do with the executive."

Chief Justice Hunter—"You had better agree among yourselves and see if you cannot get a committee among yourselves not on the executive."

Mr. Bodwell—"How will this do? 'It is understood that the committee will wait on Mr. Dunsmuir as the representatives of the individual miners and not as the executive or otherwise as the officials of the union.'"

This proposition was acceptable to all parties and agreed to.

After Mr. Dunsmuir had given evidence the commission adjourned until 10.30 tomorrow morning.

To-Day's Sitting.

Ladysmith, May 18.—At the sitting of the royal labor commission this morning three Extension miners were examined, who testified that they were opposed to being members of the Western Federation, on account of its being a Socialist body with a preponderating control exercised from the executive in the United States, but that they had joined the local union at Ladysmith because others were joining, and they wished to have a voice in controlling decisions that would affect their interests. One witness said it was also the fear of blacklisting. They agreed that the union question was the only issue. They believed in trade unions as a good thing for employers and men, but were opposed to the Western Federation. They had all taken up residence voluntarily at Ladysmith, and were opposed to Extension as an unhealthy place to live in.

John Bryden, ex-manager of the Wellington Collieries, was also examined. He testified as to Extension being an unhealthy place to live in, from the lack of a water supply and as to his having advised Mr. Dunsmuir against allowing Extension to become a mining camp. He knew that Mr. Dunsmuir had advised some of the men personally and also the manager that Ladysmith was to be the place of residence. It was after the injunction which prevented the company from shipping from Departure Bay, at Nanaimo, had been issued that it was decided Ladysmith should be made the camp.

It is expected that more evidence in support of the company's contentions will be given by other miners this afternoon.

The Norwegian steamer Norkap, Capt. Loud, which sailed from Boston, May 21st, for Tilt Cove, has arrived at St. Johns, Nfld. She was unable to reach Tilt Cove, where she intended to load copper ore, owing to a heavy ice pack. Other incoming ships report having met with enormous ice floes and bergs extending 200 miles to seaward.

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THE MASSACRE OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

AN AMBASSADOR ON THE SITUATION

Says Money Lending Is Often the Cause of Trouble—Agricultural Colonies.

Washington, May 18.—None of the many reasons relative to the Kishineff outbreak reported yesterday at various places in the United States reached the state department, and the officials have nothing now before them upon which to proceed. It is not known whether further instructions have been sent to the United States embassy at St. Petersburg. The brief cablegram from St. Petersburg this morning might open the way for diplomatic action on the part of the United States in this matter. That statement said the Russian government has forbidden the Jews to arm or defend themselves, was a deliberate purpose of forcing them to emigrate to the United States, for nowhere in Europe could they find refuge. Such action would be similar to that taken by the Roumanian government upon which the state department laid down the doctrine that the dumping of hordes of emigrants likely to prove paupers upon our shores was obnoxious to the United States. The Roumanian government never admitted the right to interfere even on the basis of immigration, and conditions continue very much as they were so far as the Jews in Roumania are concerned.

Count Casini, the Russian ambassador, in conversation to-day with a representative of the Associated Press, relative to the Jewish trouble in Russia, said:

"There is in Russia, as in Germany and Austria, a feeling against certain of the Jews. The reason for this unfriendly feeling is found in the fact that the Jews will not work in the field or engage in agriculture. They prefer to be money lenders. In this capacity he takes advantage of the Russian peasant, whom he soon has in his power and ultimately destroys. It is when the patience of the peasant is exhausted that a conflict between peasant and Jews occurs.

"Emperor Nicholas I. sought to help the Jews by ordering the establishment of agricultural colonies in Southern Russia, hoping to induce the Jews to engage in agricultural pursuits, but the effort was not successful, nor have other projects establishing Jewish states been successful.

"There are many good Jews in Russia, and they are respected. Jewish genius is appreciated in Russia, and the Jewish artist is honored. Jews also appear in the financial world in Russia. The Russian government offers the same protection to the Jews that it does to any other of its citizens, and when a riot occurs and Jews are attacked, the officials immediately take steps to apprehend those who began the riot and visit severe punishment upon them. In the past Russians have been punished severely for attacks upon Jews, but notwithstanding these conflicts, the Jews continue to do the very things which have been responsible for the troubles which involve them."

Continuing the conversation, the ambassador said: "The Russian readily assimilates with the people of all other races, and if he cannot assimilate with the Jew, it is apparent that the fault must lie with the Jew and not with the Russian."

The ambassador's attention was called to the statement contained in press dispatches from St. Petersburg to-day, to the effect that a ministerial decree had been issued forbidding Jews arming themselves for their own protection. "I have received no information regarding the nature of the decree, but I know that when the facts are made known it will appear differently and will be shown that the decree does not discriminate against the Jews. The fact that Lieut.-General Raaben, the governor of Bessarabia, has been called to St. Petersburg shows conclusively that the Imperial authorities are regarding the recent occurrence at Kishineff and are taking prompt measures to punish the guilty and prevent repetitions of these disturbances."

THE BARR COLONISTS

Depose Organizer and Appoint a Committee in His Place—Washout and Fires.

Winnipeg, May 18.—A Battleford dispatch to the Free Press says: "Rev. M. Barr has returned there, and complains of the slow progress in work of locating the country, and claims it should all be resurveyed, as the old survey is nearly obliterated. The feeling against Barr is very strong. At a meeting held in camp near Battleford on Saturday afternoon, a unanimous resolution was passed deposing Barr from the leadership, and Rev. Mr. Lloyd, chaplain for the colonists, and a committee appointed to act in his place. The government will be asked to appoint a commissioner to cooperate. Barr at first positively declined to step aside to open the books for inspection, but has changed his mind since, and he handed in his resignation in writing. Prairie fires have caused some damage to the colonists, burning some outfits. Weather about Battleford is very variable, ranging from 88 in the shade last week to slight frost to-day.

The delay to the Canadian Pacific trains is caused by a washout at Langdon, about 20 miles east of Calgary. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's special train was stalled all yesterday at the spot. The slough north of the track overflowed owing to the high winds.

A very bad storm of snow visited Alberta yesterday and to-day. The storm may cause much loss on the cattle ranges.

The Calgary carpenters' strike has been called off, the men receiving increased wages.

Two business places at Shoal Lake were entered by burglars last night. Two strangers were arrested on suspicion, and some of the missing articles found on the person of John Bolton (colored.) He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

The body of James Barclay, the Almonte, Ont., youth, who was drowned in the Red river ten days ago, was found to-day.

STRIKES POPULAR NOTE.

London Paper on the Recent Speech by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain.

Montreal, May 18.—The Witness's London cable says: "The Globe commenting on Chamberlain's speech says our Canadian fellow subjects, whose goodwill is necessarily immeasurably more to us that that of the United States, applaud the scheme and their appreciation will be re-echoed back from wherever the Union Jack flies."

German Hopes.

Berlin, May 18.—The possibility of trade hostilities with Great Britain, presented to Germany by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain in his recent speech at Birmingham, comes at an inopportune time. For Chancellor Von Bulow a fresh problem arises when the reconstruction of the commercial treaties with other countries was proceeding on well understood conditions. What the members of the ministry hope is that Premier Balfour and the majority of the cabinet will decline to follow Mr. Chamberlain's suggestion, and that he will be obliged to leave the cabinet. So far as any reply can be made to Mr. Chamberlain's contrast of the British attitude towards Germany's interstate actions and Germany's treatment of Canada as though the latter was not a part of the British Empire, it is stated that Canada is an independent state in commercial relations. Canada fixes her own trade conditions, and discriminated against Germany without asking Great Britain's consent.

The newspapers here, which are usually ready to avail themselves of any opportunity to attack Great Britain or Mr. Chamberlain, either say nothing on the subject or use moderate language in contending that Germany can injure British trade more than Great Britain can injure Germany's trade. A hint seems to have gone out from the foreign office here to the editors to say nothing which might irritate the British unduly, and to simply wait and see what happens in the British cabinet. Some of the papers affirm that Great Britain will be initiating a tariff war on all exporting countries, including the United States, if she supports her colonies in imposing preferential tariffs.

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Although men believe a great many things they know but few.

THE PULPIT AND LABOR TROUBLES

CONFERENCE DISCUSS ECONOMIC QUESTION

Interesting Debate at Yesterday Afternoon's Session—Resolution Referred to the Committee.

Almost the whole of yesterday afternoon's session of the Methodist conference was devoted to a discussion of the resolution introduced by Rev. W. W. Baer, of Nanaimo, referring to the economic conditions prevailing in British Columbia and the best methods to adopt to bring about perfect harmony.

Rev. James Turner presided, and before the transaction of any of the regular business of the conference, Rev. J. F. Vichert, of the Calvary Baptist church, was introduced. He made a brief speech complimenting the Methodist church on the successful work performed in British Columbia and throughout the whole of Canada. In conclusion he extended hearty greetings from the Baptist churches of the city, and expressed the hope that the ensuing term would be one of the most successful in the annals of the Methodist church.

Rev. J. A. Wood, chairman of Kamloops district, then called attention to the illness of Rev. J. W. Winslow, of Ashcroft, who is at present at the Jubilee hospital. Rev. Dr. Whittington moved a resolution of sympathy, which was seconded by Rev. Thomas Crosby and carried unanimously.

The secretary then read Rev. Mr. Baer's motion, as published in these columns yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Baer, speaking to the resolution, said that it was reported the masses had lost confidence in the church. This was in a measure true. Who was responsible for this condition? It was a question that should be investigated. The church should ascertain whether it was directly or indirectly responsible for the existing conditions. Some years ago it had been the custom to preach sermons on labor matters on the Sunday before Labor Day. To these addresses the unions used to send representatives. All this, however, had ceased. In conversation with a labor union man, the latter had said that the ministers did not understand the difficulties under which the workingmen labor. As a result of this feeling there had been a wide desertion of the church by laboring classes. It was true that the membership as a whole was on the increase, but not in proportion to the increase of the population. The matter was one of the utmost importance, and and he thought warranted some action by the conference.

Dr. Whittington, of Vancouver, seconder of the motion, said he was in favor of the proposed resolution on account of the widespread industrial commotions which had marked the past few years. It was high time that the church of God, as a whole, and not only the Methodist church, should take a stand. Neither the employer nor employee should be favored. There were rights and wrongs on both sides. There was nobody in a better position to act as arbitrator in these industrial strifes than the church. Each minister as a leader of the people should inform himself of the conditions as thoroughly as possible, so that he would be in a better position to act. If the church was to become arbitrator its representatives should have a complete grasp of the situation.

Rev. Mr. Powell, the secretary, said he was not surprised to find a resolution of the kind before the conference, emanating from a Nanaimo pastor. The industrial situation throughout the province was distressing, but it was particularly so at the Coal City. He favored the motion. A few years ago a Methodist minister was not supposed to have anything to do with politics. However, it was now beginning to be understood that the church should come out strongly on some questions of legislation. An industrial crisis was pending, and the time had come when conference would fail in its duty to God if action was not taken.

Rev. J. F. Betts believed that the Methodist minister should take an interest in all matters affecting the people. However, in dealing with these questions he was of the opinion that in spite of what had been said the Methodist church was in the van of all other churches. In doing what was proposed the conference should remember that it was delicate ground. Personally he was not afraid of the employer or the employee, but so many interests were involved that the matter should be dealt with carefully so as to prevent an injustice to one or the other party.

Dr. Whittington thought that as the matter was of so great importance the motion should be referred to a committee for such amendment as would provide against arousing the resentment of the employer or employee, while at the same time clearly defining the stand of the church.

Rev. Mr. Sanford held that it would be better for the matter to be dealt with by the conference.

Rev. J. Hall expressed the opinion that there was oppression somewhere, and it was the duty of the church to take the side of the oppressed. At the present time labor possessed more power than ever before. It was possible that before long its influence would be greater than that of capital. What was needed was some reformation through which a perfectly balanced condition might be evolved. There should be a condition of things that would ensure both capital and labor obtaining their rights, thus bringing about perfect harmony. No action should be taken that would lead to the opinion that the church was on one side or the other. At present the conference was not in a position to judge. If the Dominion government did not know the true conditions, as was evident through the appointment of a commission to enquire into them, how could conference?

Rev. T. W. Hall had spent some years in Nanaimo, but professed no great knowledge of the question. There was no other solution than through the acceptance of the Word of God.

Rev. H. M. Sutherland believed that if the question was not taken up by the Federal government along the line of compulsory arbitration, the country was on the verge of a great industrial civil war. The duty of the pulpit with regard to the matter was to deal with the moral phase of the question. It was not true that the mouths of the Methodist preachers were muzzled. They should be heard on all questions affecting the people so vitally as that under discussion.

Mr. Chamberlain held that the reason of the present industrial strife was that there was antagonism between the employer and employee. The final solution of the question would be obtained when a system of co-operation was adopted. Both capital and labor were necessary for the establishment of a business, therefore one should be considered equal to the other. On this basis the profits of the business would be shared between those holding the capital and those providing the labor.

Rev. Robt. Wilkinson, of Cumberland, thought that the reason for strikes was the lack of confidence between employer and employee. Conciliation or arbitration would be beneficial. The trouble, however, was that the employers did not as a rule interest themselves in the physical and moral welfare of the employees.

Rev. Mr. Green, of Vancouver, held that what was at the bottom of all this evil was selfishness. The only thing that could remedy this was faithful and energetic preaching of the Gospel.

Rev. A. M. Sanford, of Rossland, had been through several strikes. In many cases the employer was responsible for troubles with the men. It depended largely upon the way the latter were treated. He had known cases where men would work harder for one man than they would for another with bigger pay. There were, of course, two sides to every question. The matter, however, should be thoroughly studied, and no minister should be backward in giving voice to his convictions.

Mr. Davey thought that the resolution under discussion did not call upon conference to take one side or the other. It had been contended that one of the great causes of strikes was selfishness, but what in his opinion was at the bottom of the trouble was ignorance. He expressed himself in favor of the resolution.

Rev. Mr. Jennings pointed out that much of the poverty prevailing at Nanaimo was due to the miners themselves. Large sums of money were paid to the men in wages, and it had been authoritively stated that a good proportion of this found its way into the tills of the saloons.

Rev. Mr. Baer, in winding up the debate on his resolution, said that in it there was no provision for preaching on economic subjects. What was intended was that members of conference should pledge themselves to study this important question. By taking an interest in these matters the church would obtain a better hold on the people. He objected to Rev. Mr. Jennings remark. The people of Nanaimo spent a comparatively small percentage of their earnings in the manner mentioned.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Betts the resolution was referred to the following committee for report: Ministers—Rev. James Turner, Rev. W. W. Baer, Rev. R. J. Hall, Rev. D. White, Rev. G. H. White, Rev. Mr. Sanford and Rev. Mr. Dean. Laymen—Messrs. Okell, Spencer, Wells, Gaugh, Liphardt and Davey.

Rev. Goro Kaburagi, M. A., made an appeal on behalf of the famine-stricken people of the northeast of Japan. In a few words he showed how the famine had been brought about, how the people were living and what was being done towards their assistance. For five years or so there had been no crop in that district. Gradually the means of sustenance had become scarcer, until at present there were in the neighborhood of 500,000 Japanese suffering the pangs of starvation. Rice straw, the bark of the pine tree and roots of the fern were being utilized for food. The Emperor of Japan had donated the sum of 20,000 yen, and as much as 300,000 yen had been contributed by different religious institutions in aid of the sufferers. He added that as a result of the recent visit of the Hon. Sydney Fisher to Japan, that country was beginning to realize that many commodities can be imported from the Dominion far cheaper than they are at present being obtained. A little sympathy at this juncture would not therefore be without effect, even from a commercial standpoint.

Dr. Whittington moved a resolution extending sympathy of conference towards the sufferers, which passed unanimously. It was decided to take up a collection at the evening session.

Reports were received from the mission, sustenance and church property committees. All were adopted with the exception of the former, which was referred back for a revison of clause 8. The session adjourned at 6 o'clock.

The Detroit coroner's jury on Monday rendered a verdict finding the Grand Trunk railway responsible for the accident at the corner of Canfield and Dequindra streets, the night of May 3rd, when a Grand Trunk train ran into a number of Polish excursionists.

Immediate demand is to be made by the prohibitionists upon the Ontario government for enactment this session of a bill to prohibit liquor traffic to the full extent of the powers of the province.

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THEY PROTESTED TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Delegation From Cordova Bay Complain Against Fencing In of the Beach—What They Want.

Messrs. Tway, Felto and Carmichael, of Cordova Bay, last week protested to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works against the fencing in of a portion of the foreshore of the bay by Mr. Norris, who owns considerable property in the vicinity. As will be remembered this gentleman some time ago moved the road back a distance, giving him a wider stretch to the bank than was formerly the case. This caused no little agitation last year among the residents there, who contended that he had no right to alter the course of the road, which they claimed was a public highway years before Mr. Norris acquired his present holding.

The chief burden of the delegation's complaint to the Chief Commissioner, however, was the fencing in of a portion of the beach. They pointed out that in doing so Mr. Norris had prevented access to the beach from this quarter, while the continuance of his fence below high water virtually prohibits campers from pitching their tents in the area enclosed. They apprehend that the owner will extend his fences, which would convert the beach into a private preserve for about twelve hundred yards. Their contention is that the old road established as a public highway twenty years ago carried with it the strip of land between it and the beach, because government roads are sixty or sixty-six feet in width, and only ten or twelve feet of this was in use for travel.

Mr. Wells asked the deputation if it was not just as convenient for them to use the new road through Mr. Norris's property. This they admitted, but they reminded the commissioner that they were not protesting against the new road, but against the fencing in of access to the beach and part of the beach itself. The commissioner promised to give the matter his consideration.

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French Senator Piothas has written to Premier Combes proposing that the government accord decorations to mothers of families. The Senator says the depopulation of France is a serious menace, and urges that mothers of large families are entitled to equal consideration with firemen, gymnasts and others who have recently been decorated.

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Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh westerly winds, partly cloudy and cool with showers, chiefly at night.

Lower Mainland—Mostly cloudy and cool, with occasional showers.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 44; minimum, 43; wind, 16 miles S. W.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster — Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 6 miles N. W.; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 34; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 14 miles W.; weather, clear.

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SEEKERS PROVED VERY TENACIOUS

THEY SOMETIMES SAT ON STEPS ALL DAY

The Attorney-General's Examination Was Not Completed Yesterday by Mr. Helmcken.

During yesterday afternoon's sitting of the committee inquiring into the Columbia & Western subsidy matters, a message was received from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy informing Chairman Clifford that he expected to go over by special boat on his arrival at Vancouver. He hoped to be there early on the morning. The message was sent from Kamloops.

Mr. Helmcken continued with the examination of Hon. Mr. Eberts.

He asked the Attorney-General to explain bill 113 of 1901.

Mr. Eberts said it was for the purpose of providing for a land subsidy for section 4, although the company had not built sections 5 and 6.

Mr. Helmcken asked how it was that the government was agreeable to give a land subsidy for section 4 though this had not been earned according to the Subsidy Act?

Mr. Eberts could not recollect exactly what actuated this. It was, he presumed, in accordance with the agreement entered into in 1898 with Mackenzie & Mann.

It transpired that the bill was not introduced. Mr. Helmcken said that it was accounted for because the minister in charge of it got scared.

The Attorney-General could not remember that before 11th May, 1901, when an act was passed extending the time for the construction of the line of the Columbia & Western for sections 5 and 6, the lands of blocks 4,593 and 4,594 were spoken of in connection with the Columbia & Western. They were spoken of only in connection with the B. C. Southern.

Mr. Helmcken asked what led to the rescinding of the order-in-council of 10th September by order-in-council of 10th December, 1901?

Mr. Eberts said he did not know what led to it. He was not present. He did not know that an attempt was made shortly after to turn these lands over to the Columbia & Western. In August, 1901, he heard that it was being attempted. He could not remember that the settlement of the Columbia & Western railroad matter came up at a meeting on the 31st July. It was decided at that time that a change was to take place in the government. Mr. Turner decided to leave. He consented to remain on for a time until after the return of Mr. Dunsmuir.

Mr. Helmcken asked if Mr. Turner did not remain on in order that the Columbia & Western matter should be settled.

Mr. Eberts denied this. That was not spoken of at the meeting of the executive. At the meetings of the executive on July 15th, July 31st and August 2nd he did not know that the matter of the subsidy to the Columbia & Western was fully gone into with Mr. Dunsmuir. He could not remember whether the Premier was present at the meetings except the one of 31st July.

The Attorney-General thought that he was present at the meeting on 10th August, when the order-in-council was rescinded granting the B. C. Southern blocks 4,593 and 4,594, and when the lands were given to the Columbia & Western. Mr. Wells, Mr. Turner and Mr. McBride, he thought, were present. He did not recollect that anything other than a saving of acreage was urged. The question of value did not come up. Block 4,593 was under reserve. He thought that block 4,594 was under reserve until about six weeks ago, when Mr. Wells informed the executive it was not. It was introduced when Mr. Wells brought up the subject of intervention on behalf of Rogers. He thought that Mr. Wells must have known it before, as in December, 1902, Mr. Wells granted permission to stake, which would not have been done had he not known it. Col. Prior did not know it either, he thought, until he (witness) knew.

He had not seen Mr. Taylor prior to the 10th August, 1901, on Columbia & Western settlement. He had probably seen Mr. Brown, as the latter was after the Premier. He was probably after all the ministers. "When men want something from a government they are very tenacious," said Mr. Eberts. "I have seen them sit down on the steps and wait all day."

He thought that the matter was talked over, though he did not know whether in executive or not, which led to the writing of the letter of Premier Dunsmuir to Mr. Brown, dated 15th May, 1901. He did not know whether this letter was done as an executive act or not.

In 1898 it was arranged that when section 4 was completed that the Columbia & Western should get its land grant for it. There was no legislative act concerning it. It was understood that they were to be entitled to it. There was a solemn agreement then among the government, Mackenzie & Mann and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

The subsidy would have been granted if the Turner government had remained in power. The Semlin government in 1899 agreed to the same by the bill brought down, which was not passed owing to the defeat of the government.

In explanation again for the reasons for this agreement, Mr. Eberts said it was done in the interests of British Columbia. They were trying to get a line from the coast to Kootenay. The only way was to get Mackenzie & Mann to build from Penticton to Midway. The Columbia & Western in agreeing to give way to Mackenzie & Mann did so upon the understanding that that company should be protected in its subsidy for section 4.

Mr. Eberts thought that it was a solemn agreement and should be carried out. Mr. Semlin regarded it as a solemn agreement. He did not know that Mr. Semlin and Mr. Carter-Cotton had seen the draft agreement signed by Shaughnessy and Oswald.

Mr. Helmcken pressed for a reason why it was strenuously pressed that the Columbia & Western should get these lands.

Mr. Eberts said his sole reason was the saving in acreage.

Mr. Helmcken wanted to know what had become of the agreement to give a cash subsidy.

Mr. Eberts said that had not again been raised.

Under bill 87 the present government would not have granted the railway company these blocks of lands. The government members had the matter explained before them in connection with introducing a bill like that of 87 in 1902. The bill was not then drafted. In explaining the matter witness said he thought he went into the agreement of 1898. It was agreed to that the government would introduce a bill, and in consequence bill 87 was prepared.

He did not know who drafted the bill. It went through the hands of Mr. McLean. It was a matter relating to the lands department, and therefore did not pertain to his department. He did not remember that the bill came up before the supporters of the government.

Mr. Helmcken asked if it was not peculiar that the bill was not caucused.

Mr. Eberts thought it was not always the custom to caucus such bills.

"Well," Mr. Helmcken continued, "my experience has been that all government bills are caucused."

Mr. Eberts, continuing, said on the 13th September, 1901, an order-in-council was passed settling the form of the crown grants of 10th August. On 3rd October he understood the grants were prepared. Mr. Brown probably continued to push for these crown grants. Witness did not know that crown grants were preparing. He did not take any particular interest in it.

He saw Mr. Wells on 24th October, the day before he (Mr. Wells) went away to Montreal. Mr. Wells, he thought, sent for him and Mr. Dunsmuir. He understood that the matter had been carried out regularly. He had no reason to be dissatisfied up to that time.

"Why did Mr. Wells call you in?" asked Mr. Helmcken.

"To frame a railway policy," interjected Mr. Green.

Mr. Eberts was not very definite about what he was sent for. The question of trying to arrange for getting a line to Spence's Bridge was talked of at that time, he said. Mr. Wells said that he had hopes of getting some such promise. It was talked over that it would be a wise thing to get it if possible, as it would relieve the anxiety with respect to the Coast-Kootenay line. There was no talk of making that the condition of the delivery of the crown grants. The interview lasted probably half an hour. After the return of Mr. Wells he must have had interviews with him. The latter did not tell him in December of the result of his visit to Montreal. He remembered that month because they were short of a hand in the cabinet and therefore they must have had conversations.

Mr. Helmcken said that the non-delivery of the grants was in the papers at that time.

Mr. Eberts could not recollect it. He could not recall that Mr. Wells told him that the grants had not been delivered. Mr. Brown was pressing for the grants. It was a month or two after Mr. Wells came back before he knew about it. He had no reason to believe that the crown grants should not be delivered when he first heard of it. Premier Dunsmuir was present at the meeting of the executive in December, 1900. He presided over the meeting in September, when these were talked over. It was unreasonable to think that Mr. Dunsmuir did not know all about the matter.

These things were not put down under a member of the government's nose and he asked to sign his name without any knowledge of it. It was senseless to say that Mr. Dunsmuir did not know all about it.

The talk about building to Spence's Bridge was more of a political by-play. Mr. Wells thought he could get it done. It was very shortly before the rescission order that he was speaking to Mr. Dunsmuir about the delivery of the grants. It was very shortly before the rescinding order that Mr. Dunsmuir told him of Mr. Wells's connection with Mr. Taylor in Montreal. He did not tell Mr. Taylor.

The Attorney-General did not know that the meeting on 18th March was called as an executive meeting. He thought it strange that he had not been notified of it. It was held in the morning, after 10 o'clock, in Mr. Wells's room. He did not know why he was not notified. It turned out to be an executive meeting, because they did executive work. Word might have been left at his office, but he did not get it.

When he told Mr. Taylor, Mr. Taylor was very indignant and said it was a lie.

"Did he say what did take place in Montreal?" asked Mr. Helmcken.

He said that the story witness told him was a lie from beginning to end, and said that he would like to go before the executive. He expressed a hope that something would be said outside so that he might take it up. Mr. Taylor said something of what took place in Montreal. It was a very different story to that told by Mr. Wells, and was in keeping with Mr. Taylor's evidence.

A month or two before that Mr. Taylor and he had spoken about the visit to Montreal. He did not speak of the Columbia & Western matter, or the non-delivery of the grants. Mr. Taylor warned him against Mr. Wells and did not speak complimentary of Mr. Wells.

Mr. Helmcken called to the attention of Mr. Eberts that on 16th June, 1902, Messrs. Shaughnessy, Osler and other C. P. R. officials were present in the city. Bill 87 was prepared on 19th June. He asked if Mr. Eberts had met any of these or if they had met the government?

Mr. Eberts could not remember meeting them. He left on the 20th June for England. He did not see any C. P. R. officials on his way, as he went by St. Paul and New York.

Asked if he saw any of them on his return from England, the Attorney-General said he did not remain in Montreal any length of time. He saw Mr. Brown in the Windsor hotel for a short time. He spoke to none of the officials about the Columbia & Western matter.

Mr. Helmcken asked Mr. Eberts to explain the difference between the stand taken on the Kaslo & Slocan matter in 1901, and that in favor of intervention in the present case.

The chairman objected to the question. He thought this matter had nothing to do with the inquiry.

Mr. Helmcken held that he was entitled to an explanation of the difference in the position taken. Mr. McPhillips and Mr. Green supported the right to have the question put. Mr. Smith objected to it.

Chairman Clifford said the question was an improper one, and an appeal must be taken to the Speaker if it was desired.

Messrs. Helmcken, McPhillips and Green opposed this decision, but rather than delay the matter preferred to let it rest.

Mr. Helmcken explained that in the Kaslo & Slocan matter no intervention was allowed, while in this case, which resembled it very very closely, the Attorney-General favored intervention.

Shortly before that the chairman and Mr. Eberts had requested Mr. Helmcken to try and finish his examination before adjournment. Mr. Helmcken after this decision proposed that he would take up his further examination in the morning.

Chairman Clifford thought the matter had drifted too far. There had been nothing new brought out during the afternoon.

Mr. Helmcken thanked the chairman for his remarks.

Mr. McPhillips raised a question in connection with the subject of a petition of right being allowed. He cited a Newfoundland case, which he held had bearing on this, and which was decided by the Privy Council.

The committee rose shortly after 5 o'clock, to resume this morning.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

"The agitation which has been on foot amongst the local militia and rifle corps for a new range, which will allow of long-distance practice, has resulted in action being taken by the government," says the Province. "Word was received by Capt. J. Duff Stuart, secretary of the local Rifle Association, that, thanks to the energetic efforts of R. G. Macpherson, M. P., the member for Vancouver, a sum had been placed in the estimates for the purchase of the new rifle range on Lulu Island. The location of the new range is close to Cambie station, on the line of the Vancouver & Lulu Island railway, and distant about seven miles from the city. The location is an ideal one for a rifle range."

The largest timber drive for one day that was ever moved in British Columbia was carried down the Toba river on Wednesday afternoon. Nine million feet of timber was swept down the stream, a distance of thirteen miles, in a little over four hours. Toba river empties into the northern end of the Gulf of Georgia, 120 miles north of Vancouver, and on its banks large logging operations are carried on by W. H. Higgins. During the winter logs have been dumped into the bed of the stream, making a straight chain several miles in length. The freshet came on Wednesday, and the river simply backed up behind the jam. The water came higher and higher until finally it started the big bunch of timber and fifty thousand dollars' worth of logs began moving at once towards tidewater. The logs gradually fell into place, and they formed a mass three miles long and as tightly packed together as it could possibly be. At tidewater the boom was forced out for a mile and a half from shore, and will be towed from there in a dozen different smaller booms to Vancouver. The drive was accomplished without accident of any kind.

MUSIC AND MASTICATION.

The relation of music to mastication has never received the attention which appears to be due to a conjunction of such important arts. In the last quarter of a century the presence of music, or at least orchestras, in public dining rooms, has become so common that we have neglected to comment upon it. Proprietors of restaurants and hotels have found that there is some subtle relation between a fugue and a fricasse, and between a scherzo and soup, and that after introducing an orchestra into their salles a manger people ate who, apparently, never ate before. The orchestras more than paid for the extra expense, and the music not only aided mastication, but digestion as well, for dyspepsia rapidly disappeared when accelerated by the art of Brahms and Chopin. There has arisen but one protestant against this combination of gastronomy and music. But it is no less a personage than Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the distinguished actress. At the Russell House in Detroit recently, she demanded that the orchestra which was discoursing digestive music in the dining room cease playing. She said, "Such vulgar rasping disturbs my desire for a restful atmosphere." On the refusal of the manager to stop the music, Mrs. Campbell took herself away to a hotel where no orchestra played. Of course, one would have to hear this particular band before judging whether Mrs. Campbell is right or wrong, but as a general proposition it must be admitted that if the music in a restaurant is good, one can forgive the chef for a steak which is in the worst sense of the word a piece de resistance.—Harper's Weekly.

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THE END NEAR.

So the Times is a political malignant, is it? It hates the Colonel because he has "licked it out of its boots," does it? We have got the hatred of this man so close up to our eyes that we cannot see the facts of the case. The enemies of the Colonel are the enemies of the province, we were told a few days ago. That is all the defence that can be set up in extenuation of the scandalous state of affairs that has been revealed by the investigation of the select committee. It will hardly satisfy the people, and we are sure it will not convince the Lieut.-Governor of the fitness of the Colonel for the position he has occupied to the manifest disadvantage of the province.

Nor are we prepared to concede that Colonel Prior has "licked us out of our boots." When the Colonel was in the larger ring of federal affairs we had many a merry bout with him. He won a few rounds with the aid of potent stimulants from the great boodle bottle at Ottawa. But his wind got shorter with every round. Finally he was counted out on a foul by the referee. If he had come up again he would assuredly have gone down for good. But the Colonel is a discreet man as well as a valorous. He jumped into an arena which seemed to promise quicker and surer returns. It is not necessary to enter into particulars of that battle or of the treacherous part the champion and his seconds played in it. The pledges he made to the people on that platform, where are they? He swore by his honor as a man that if that contract to construct a railway to Victoria was not what it purported to be he would resign at once. He, the honorable, upright statesman and gentleman, would not be a party to deceit or double-dealing. Where is that contract to-day? What has become of Greenshields? Are Mackenzie & Mann no more? Is the Great Northern railway but a shadow, or what Andrew Carnegie would call a mirage, conjured up to temporarily delude the people of Victoria? Or will the valiant, truthful and honorable Colonel plead that he carried out his pledges and that his resignation has been in the hands of his agents or committee ever since the Great Northern contract was discovered to be merely a figment of the imaginations of the most unscrupulous set of humbugs that ever disgraced the public life of British Columbia? We confess that we have pursued the Colonel, and we claim that our pursuit has been more than justified by the events of the past two years. We shall continue the pursuit until the Colonel is driven from public life. The end is near now. We expect the Lieut.-Governor will take the first step as soon as the time is opportune. The people will do the rest. And when the Colonel is down and out we want him to remember that personally we bear him no malice. We have simply performed our duty to the public. Politically we have always maintained that he was a humbug and unworthy of confidence. And that may be the fault of the school in which he was brought up.

POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY.

If the government had not been afraid of the wrath of the people it would have made the C. P. R. happy in the possession of the lands coveted. That is quite clear. It cannot be controverted, according to the statement of Mr. Brown. It was no strong sense of duty to the people of the province that deterred some of the ministers from acquiescing in the alleged "steal." The fear of separation from office was too strong to permit of any chances being taken. Had the opposition been less persistently inquisitive the government might have ventured to go beyond the powers conferred upon it under the subsidy act. But some of the members on the opposition side were always wanting to know things, and their inquisitiveness was unpleasant and embarrassing. Then attempts were made to throw responsibility for the transfer upon the Legislature. The mysterious bills appeared upon the table, coming from no one knows where. Certain members who were ostensibly in opposition, but who were in reality the mainstay of the administration, must have promised their support to those measures or they would never have appeared from the unfathomable depths in which they were conceived. It was all without avail, however. Even the bluff candor and genial bonhomie of the upright, honorable, maligned Colonel could not win the necessary amount of support, and the honest demands of the C. P. R., which in the interests of the province was willing to sacrifice three hundred thousand acres of land, are still unsatisfied. And now George McL. Brown comes forward and gives the true reason why. The government was willing, but its members were not all prepared to sacrifice their future to retain the good-will, etc., of the C. P. R.

LIBERTY AND RESTRICTION.

Mr. Dunsmuir contributed two hundred dollars towards the establishment of a brass band at Ladysmith, and complains that the first use to which the instruments were put was to blare forth a welcome to Organizer Baker, of the Western Federation of Labor. Possibly Mr. Baker had as little reason to be gratified at the use to which the horns and drums were put as Mr. Dunsmuir. However that may be, it is clear that workmen of the present day do not appreciate the benevolent paternalism which aims at their material well-being, and will treat them well as long as they submit to the guidance of an assumed superior order of intelligence. The bounds of human liberty have been circumscribed under the law, and within these bounds the average man desires complete freedom to work out in his own individual way the problems of life. We should say that as long as a worker performs the duties with which he is charged within the hours set apart for the performance of his task, it is no concern of his employer what use he makes of his spare time or where he resides. Any attempt to interfere in such matters must be regarded as an effort to set unwarranted bounds to the freedom of the individual, and in the very nature of things is sure to fail. The natural course in the life of a man is an independent course. When the individual arrives at years of maturity the natural thing is for him to leave the paternal abode and set up on his own account. If he continues to act independently all through his life, that life will mean more to him than existence does to the many who band themselves together to accomplish tasks they assume cannot be overcome single-handed. The co-operation which is so distinct a feature of the human activities of the present day may be a necessary development of the times, but it is nevertheless none the less an artificial condition. It circumscribes the bounds of the liberty of the individual. We believe that by and bye the individual will begin to chafe under the necessary restrictions, and that there will develop a reaction under which much of the tyranny of trusts and combines, whether of capital or labor, will be swept away.

THE GUILELESS COLONEL.

If Col. Prior is the manner of man the Colonist claims, he really ought not to be permitted to run at large in this wicked world. There is danger that he may be eaten by some animal seeking for green things to devour. There is every likelihood that some political "Hungry Joe" may sell him a gold brick. Whoever may have known what sort of a thing Bill 87 was, the guileless Colonel did not, says the Colonist. Yet the Colonel canvassed the House to see if it could be carried. Now he either understood the Bill or he did not. If he did, then he is just as responsible as if he had drawn it up; if he did not, he is not a safe man to entrust with grave responsibilities. Which explanation will the Colonist adopt?

The Colonist says that Bill 87 was withdrawn when its objectionable features were discovered. As a matter of fact, it was withdrawn because it could not be carried. But for argument's sake the Colonist's explanation may be accepted. This involves the absolutely irresistible conclusion that some one, either in the Cabinet or out of it, and if out of it, then with the connivance of some one in it, imposed upon the Lieut.-Governor and Col. Prior, so as to get them to consent to the objectionable measure. We leave the Lieut.-Governor out of the case entirely for the present, for our business is with the guileless Colonel. He was too innocent to see the Ethiopian on the wood pile. John Oliver was not, but then John of the Delta is a man of the world. Smith Curtis was not, but then Smith Curtis is always looking out for things. The Colonel did not discover that Bill 87 was loaded until months afterwards. He sat beside Mr. Eberts during the North Victoria campaign and heard that gentleman say that the Bill would be introduced as soon as the session opened, and gave his assent by his silence. Mr. Eberts, speaking in the presence of his Premier, must be assumed to have spoken with the Premier's consent. It was only after Mr. Oliver exposed the transaction in the House that the Colonel realized how very nearly he had come to being wicked in the session of 1902. So guileless a man should be presented with a tin halo and set upon a pedestal in the lobby of the House. It would be positive cruelty to permit him to wander around among the members.

If Sir Thomas Lipton does not lift the America Cup this year, it is not likely anyone else will try unless a change be made in the conditions governing the contest. It costs a very large fortune to place a racer built in Britain in American waters in fighting trim. Only millionaires are yachting enthusiasts. Lipton is sending over two yachts which will be conveyed by two steamers, one chartered for the purpose. The wages and expenses of the crews will amount to a large sum monthly. But there will be exciting times around New York, and, in the event of success, a triumphal procession home. Every man has some object which gives zest to life. Sir Thomas's hobby may not be a noble one, but it has attracted the attention of a large proportion of the world's population, and it gives employment to a large number of men on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Many bodies endowed with power to levy taxation are seriously considering various schemes with the object of securing equitableness. Bergen, the second town of Norway, has decided to raise this year's municipal revenue by an income tax of 12 per cent. This, along with the state income tax, forces the inhabitants to pay nearly one-fifth of their income in direct taxation, while the indirect taxation is also heavy. The case is not exceptional and shows that Norway is after Italy the heaviest-taxed country of Europe.

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Few people would have believed members of the government were so deeply steeped in ignorance but for the sworn testimony. Mr. Eberts knows nothing about the manner in which much business of great importance to the country was brought before the government. Anything he may have known at one time has passed from his memory, leaving it a complete blank. The cares of office have been too much for the Attorney-General. He needs a rest.

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Chairman Clifford of the select committee says Mr. Eberts is not on trial. Isn't he? What is the meaning of the investigation over which the evidently partisan chairman presides then? There are certainly some men on trial before the great jury of the people of British Columbia, and it will be futile on the part of Mr. Clifford to attempt to suppress one jot of the truth.

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German newspapers hope Mr. Chamberlain will be forced to tender his resignation as a member of the British government. We do not think he will. Possibly the hostility of Germany may increase the popularity of the Colonial Secretary.

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Now we know where the icy blasts are coming from. A great sheet of snow covers Montana. The spring flowers are struggling nobly against adverse conditions.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

To the Editor:—In view of the remarkable manner in which certain measures have got into the House without any person being responsible for them, I beg to suggest that wire netting should be placed across the windows to prevent the possibility of any bills being blown into the legislature and becoming law before anyone knows it.

NERVOUS.

CORRECTION.

To the Editor:—In regard to the statement of Mr. Wilson in his evidence before the labor commission on Monday, 11th inst., that the Journeymen Plumbers' Union, of this city, coerced a member of the establishment of A. & W. Wilson to leave their employment, I, as secretary of said union, beg to deny that said statement, and say that the same is utterly unfounded, as this union has only been in existence one year, and the occurrence to which Mr. Wilson referred happened seven years ago.

In behalf of Plumbers' Union.

R. MARGISON, Secretary.

19th May, 1903.

CHINESE SERVANTS.

To the Editor:—I have been asked to have prepared a separate form of petition against the Chinese exclusion bill. I sent a few forms to Vancouver, and I find the ladies there have taken the matter up. But they have added to the petition the following paragraph: "And whereas since the bill increasing the said tax to $500 has been passed by the House of Commons the Chinese household servants are already demanding much higher wages than formerly, those who have received $30, $35 and $40 per month in the past are now asking an increase of about 30 per cent., and as no white servants can be obtained to take their places the result of this must inevitably be what it has been in San Francisco and other Coast cities in the United States, viz., that the large majority of people who cannot afford to pay these exorbitant wages will be compelled to eat in hotels and restaurants, and the home life largely broken up."

Forms for ladies to sign will lie a day or two in the book stores for ladies' signatures, or may be had for procuring signatures by application to the undersigned. I have no money to pay for canvassers for signatures.

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My promised wife,
She said, "Now tell me truly this—
Another girl did you e'er kiss
In all your life?"

I gazed down in her pleading face
And told her "No."
Now, why did she, with pensive sigh
And sad look in her soft blue eye,
Say, "I thought so"?

The game she gave me, you'll admit,
Was pretty stiff,
And as I homeward went my way
And thought on what I'd heard her say,
I wondered if—

QUESTION OF FITNESS RAISED.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

Alfred Henry Lewis tells of a Texan who objected to the presence of a local exhorter who wished to offer prayer when the Vigilantes were preparing to hang a horse thief.

"Your prayer may be all right merely as a supplication," said the critical one, "I have no fault to find with the prayer as a prayer. But it is plumb inconsistent to pray at this time and place."

"Why so?" inquired the preacher. "This man is about to go into eternity and he should be comforted and his soul saved if possible."

"Saved nothing," said the other. "You want to send up a petition to get this fellow into heaven when we are hanging him because he isn't fit to live in Texas!"

SCHOOL DAYS.

Exchange.

Lord, let me make this rule:
To think of life as school,
And try my best
To stand each test,
And do my work,
And nothing shirk.

Some day the bell will sound,
Some day my heart will bound,
As, with a shout
That school is out,
And lessons done,
I homeward run.

A COSTLY STRIKE.

New York World.

Senator Hanna is right in saying that strikes are "out of date." The great coal contest, which he did his best to stop, cost $100,000,000, and wasn't worth it to anybody.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. Manville Williams, of Colville, Washington, who has been on a visit to the Pacific Coast congress of the Congregational church at Seattle, came over on the Majestic last evening in company with R. B. Blyth, of this city, who was also present at that gathering. Mrs. Williams, who, until a year ago, was one of the leading singers of Montreal, having been soprano soloist of the American Presbyterian church, of that city, came along with Mr. Williams, and both will spend a few days in Victoria. Mrs. Williams will sing at a musical evening at the residence of Mrs. Scowcroft to-morrow evening, but owing to her brief stay in the city this will be the only opportunity Victorians will have of hearing her charming voice. A collection will be taken at the event, but no admission fee will be charged.

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Capt. Lotbiniere, son of Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, accompanied by Mrs. Lotbiniere, are visiting the Lieut.-Governor. Capt. Lotbiniere is well known throughout Canada, having had a distinguished military career. In 1888 he graduated from the Royal Military College at Kingston, where he won the Governor-General's gold medal. He was gazetted second lieutenant in the Royal Engineers in the same year, and was promoted to a lieutenancy in 1891.

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Rev. E. S. Ufford, author of the hymn "Throw Out the Life Line," is in the city. On Thursday evening he will address a public meeting at the Calvary Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Ufford is an accomplished singer and whistler, and varies his address by musical selections.

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E. E. Leeson and P. J. Pearson were among the passengers from the West Coast by the steamer Queen City this morning. They have, it is understood, been inspecting mining properties at Alberni canal.

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H. Oldfield, hotel man, of Hadlock, Wash.; H. D. Leitch, of Montreal; P. W. Scott, of Michigan; and C. L. Queen and A. J. Passage, of Vancouver, are among those at the Dominion hotel.

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G. W. Jenkins and wife, of Newark, N. J., are among the tourists visiting the city. They will spend some days here taking in the sights, and are making their headquarters at the Victoria.

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A. W. Vowell left for the Mainland on official business on Sunday night. He will be present at the installation of a new Indian agent at New Westminster.

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F. B. Gregg, of the firm of A. Gregg & Son, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is able to attend to business again.

A. C. Flumerfelt, manager of the Granby smelter, Grand Forks, arrived in the city the other day via Seattle.

F. Lloyd, the sawmill proprietor, of Westholme, is at the Victoria. He is visiting the city on business.

J. Frank Calibreath, a business man of Telegraph Creek, is among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

Geo. Cuddie, of Sidney, arrived in the city yesterday, and is a guest at the Victoria hotel.

Ex-Governor C. H. Mackintosh is in the city. He arrived from the Mainland last evening.

A. A. Waterman, of New York, is among the knights of the grip staying at the Victoria.

A. J. Vail, sheriff of Yale district, and son, are at the Dominion.

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Children's Patent Slippers, strap, 4-7½; price.....$1.25
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STRONG OBJECTION.

"I am going to give the baby a romantic middle name," said Mrs. Stubb.

"Well, I guess not," interposed her stern spouse, "when he gets big enough he'll think he can write poetry and we'll have to support him."

FILLED GRAVEYARDS.

Stubb—"They will soon have the underground trolley cars in New York."

Penn—"That is nothing new. The trolley cars have been carrying people underground ever since they were invented."

WOULD GET CARELESS.

Soubrette—"Your press agent is very flattering. Why not marry him?"

Leading Lady—"Oh, no. Then he might stop saying such pretty things about me."

PROBABLY.

Quinn—"I see there is a corner on the chestnut market over in Italy."

De Fonte—"Indeed! Have the joke writers organized over there, too?"

The Maid—Shall I dust the bric-a-brac, mum?

The Mistress—Not to-day, Nora. I don't think we can afford it.

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City News in Brief.

—Going to Vancouver or Westminster? Take the Terminal railway at 7.00 a. m. daily. *

—Fast steamers for Skagway. Dolphin sails May 19th and 29th; Humboldt sails May 24th. E. E. Blackwood agent. *

—Cheap excursion rates to Seattle, May 22nd and 23rd, account President Roosevelt's visit. Only $2.00 for round trip. Tickets good to return until May 25th on both Majestic and Rosalie. *

—Take the Rosalie Friday morning or Majestic Friday evening for reception to President Roosevelt at Seattle on Saturday afternoon. Fare only $2.00 for round trip; tickets good to return as late as May 25th. *

—Hundreds of Rugs.—We do not exaggerate; we never do. Our stock of rugs is very large; no one need go without one when the prices are so low and the qualities so good. Fancy a rug that will last for years can be bought for $3 and up. Weiler Bros. *

—Sectional Bookcases.—Every up-to-date library is fitted up with sectional bookcases. You can build your bookcase to any size you may require it to be. Our sectional bookcases are neat, compact, clean, easily moved from place to place. Our salesmen will show you the merits of our common-sense bookcase. Weiler Bros. *

—Tenders are being invited by the department of Militia and Defence, Ottawa, for the supply of wood required for the military buildings at Victoria for the twelve months commencing July 1st, 1903. The sealed tenders will be received up to Wednesday, June 3rd. Each tender is to be marked "Tender for Fuel," and addressed to the Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa. Further particulars can be seen in the advertisement columns of this paper.

—The local Chinese have entered the field of competitive journalism, and their paper, the Chinese World is becoming fairly widely circulated. It is printed in the vernacular with the exception of the title of the firms advertising, among whom are many leading business houses of the city. As long as they see the name in English they feel assured that the contract is being carried out. The remainder of the advertisement is in Chinese. News from the Flowery Kingdom, local items, and provincial pointers of interest to Chinamen appear in the World's columns. Its attitude on provincial politics is unknown.

—The apparent interest with which the engagement of Marie Lamour and company, in Wilfred Clarke's great comedy success, "A Wise Woman," at the Victoria theatre next Friday evening, is fraught, is not to be wondered at when one stops to consider the personnel of the company and the marvellous reception accorded Mr. Clarke's play on its original presentation at the Strand theatre, London. "A Wise Woman" proved itself one of the most remarkable comedy successes ever produced at that theatre from both a box office and artistic standpoint, and the tour of the play in this country has so far sustained the splendid reputation that preceded it. Miss Lamour, who is being featured in the title role, is a graduate from Augustin Daly's company in New York, in which organization she has been seen in many important roles. The supporting company includes Frederic Murphy, last season leading man for Julia Marlowe, and an actor of rare capabilities.

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—To-morrow evening at Sir William Wallace hall the regular meeting of Speyside Camp will be held. All members are asked to attend.

—At Sir William Wallace hall this evening a meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association will take place, commencing at 8 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted.

—Poundkeeper Curran has given notice that on Tuesday next at the city pound, on Chambers street, he will sell by public auction a small chestnut horse, two shoes on, unless the animal is redeemed and pound charges paid at or before the time of sale.

—The last regular meeting for this term of the Mothers' Club will be held in the Spring Ridge school on Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The subject for discussion, "Manners and Morals of Children" will be opened with a paper from Mrs. Joule. A large attendance is requested.

—The funeral of the late Christina McMillan, relict of Donald McMillan, is taking place this afternoon from the residence of J. D. Campbell, Constance avenue, Esquimalt. The death occurred on Friday afternoon at New Westminster. Deceased was a native of Pictou, Nova Scotia, and 81 years of age. She leaves a family of four daughters and two sons all residents of this province: Mrs. Hendry, of New Westminster; Mrs. Bailey Ross, Mrs. J. L. Campbell and Mrs. Joseph Shore and R. J. McMillan and Daniel McMillan.

—The young people of the Congregational church have undertaken the purchase of a new church organ, and in connection therewith the Misses Scowcroft, assisted by friends, are giving at their home, 19 Burnette avenue, to-morrow evening, a "musicale," for which a good programme of vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with recitations, has been prepared. Some of the best talent of the city will assist, together with Mrs. Williams, late soprano soloist, at the American Presbyterian church of Montreal. No admission fee will be charged, but a collection will be taken in aid of the organ fund.

—The Natural History Society last evening decided to incorporate under the provisions of the Benevolent Friendly Societies Act. Three additional trustees were appointed, Dr. Hasell, president; Mr. Sutton, first vice-president, and R. E. Gosnell. A declaration of incorporation was duly signed. The paper of the evening was not read owing to the unavoidable absence of Ashdown Green, who was called to New Westminster by the death of Frank Devlin, the Indian agent there. The society has been presented by Mr. Hastings with a pair of dancing masks used by the Esquimaux Indians of St. Michaels and a flint arrowhead which he found there.

—The popular Edison theatre was crowded to the doors last evening. The lengthy programme this week is without a doubt excellent. The comedy musical sketch team Gilmore and Le Moyne have made a great hit in their farce "The Up-to-Date Woman." Olive Le Moyne renders a beautiful violin solo, and Frank Gilmore's song is much appreciated. James Harriman, the black-face comedian, singing "The Phrenologist Coon," has became a favorite. Ed. Cannon, the eccentric extemporaneous singer, causes a great deal of amusement for both young and old. Harry R. Harrison sings the beautiful illustrated song, "In Good Old Fairy Land," and pleases the large audiences to such an extent that encore after encore is called for. The long list of the latest moving pictures are very comical. The "Astronomer's Dream" should not be missed by any.

—Victorians will regret to learn of the death of Dixon Irwin, of the provincial auditor's department, which occurred on the C. P. R. train near Kamloops last Sunday evening. Mr. Irwin had been ill for some time past and it was thought that a trip to Kamloops would restore him to health. Before his train arrived at its destination, however, he was smitten with a stroke, which proved fatal. The remains will arrive in this city to-night, when arrangements for the funeral will be made. Mr. Irwin was a native of Whitehaven, Cumberland, England, and was sixty years of age. He has resided in this city for eighteen years, eleven of which have been spent as a member of the provincial auditor's staff. He was one of the most efficient officials in the department. A widow and five children survive him. The sons are J. D. Irwin, J. J. Irwin, of the local staff of the Bank of B. N. A., and M. Irwin, all residents of this city, and two daughters. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, from the family residence, No. 46 South Turner street.

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—H. M. S. Grafton is expected back in Esquimalt at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

—Alexander Baillie, aged 21 years, died last evening at the St. Joseph's hospital. He was a native of Kilmarnock, Scotland. The funeral is arranged for Thursday at 2.30 p. m. at the parlors of W. J. Hanna.

—There is no rehearsal of "Alice in Wonderland" this evening. To-morrow the garden, court and final scene will be rehearsed at the Victoria theatre promptly at 7.30. No dances are required. The special programme are now on sale.

—Victoria Day excursion to Port Guichon, Laduers and Cloverdale by the V. & S. railway and steamer Victorian. Train leaves the market station at 7 a. m. Returning, arrives at Victoria 7 p. m. Fare, $2.00 for the round trip. *

—There was a large and representative gathering at the launching of the launch Topaz from the ways of the Victoria Machinery Depot yesterday evening. The event took place without a hitch. As the Topaz is a sister launch to the Beryl further description of her at this time is unnecessary.

—The Municipal Court of Revision, consisting of Mayor McCandless, Alds. Goodacre, Yates, Grahame and Kinsman met this morning in the council chamber. There are fifty-eight appellants against assessments. Thirteen or fourteen were disposed of, the only reductions with one exception being on improvements. An adjournment was taken until to-morrow morning when the remainder of the list will be dealt with.

—The work of removing the gymnastic apparatus of the Victoria Athletic Club to the headquarters of the Young Men's Christian Association commenced this morning. It is expected that this will be completed by the end of the week. As soon as the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium is thoroughly fitted up members of the association will be allowed to use it. The V. A. C. apparatus, together with what will be newly purchased, will make one of the most complete gymnasiums of the city.

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TOTAL SPRING CATCH OF SEALING FLEET

Only Three More Vessels to Return—Season Has Been Unsuccessful One.

With the arrival of the sealing schooners, Victoria, Capt. McPhee, and the Carrie C. W., Capt. McCaulay, yesterday afternoon, only three more of the coast sealers have yet to return, exclusive of those which, having white crews, have gone to Copper island. This latter fleet comprised eight vessels, the Casco, Allie I. Algar, Oscar and Hattie, Carlotta G. Cox, Dora Sieverd, Vera, Triumph and City of San Diego. The fleet back in port number eight. Three, as stated, have to return, and one, the George W. Prescott, was lost, it will be remembered, to the southwest of Flattery.

What the vessels which have gone to the Asiatic coast have done thus far is only known in one or two instances. The Carlotta G. Cox at the close of the season transferred her skins to the Ida Etta, having then 217, and the Dora Sieverd and one or two others were spoken in April with small catches, considerably below that of the Cox, so that the average taken of those in port would probably apply to the whole coast fleet. Allowing 1,523 skins as the total catch of ten schooners, the average would be 152 skins per vessel. For the nineteen schooners operating the total catch for the season, including 29 skins salved from the wreck of the Geo. W. Prescott, is therefore in the neighborhood of 2,765 skins. Last year the entire coast catch of 28 schooners was 3,384 skins, to which were added 1,491 skins taken by Indian canoes. It will thus be seen that the average this year is a little larger than last according to the above estimate, but is still very small.

The catches per schooner of the fleet now home are as follows: Umbrina, Capt. J. W. Peppett, 256 skins; Ida Etta, Capt. O'Leary, 53 skins; Director, Capt. A. McDougal, 97 skins; Annie E. Paint, Capt. R. E. McKief, 586 skins; Zillah May, Capt. A. H. Olson, 60 skins; Enterprise, Capt. A. B. Whidden, 99 skins; Geneva, Capt. D. L. Jones, 3 skins; Carrie C. W., Capt. McPhee, 137 skins, and Victoria, Capt. McCaulay, 102 skins. Of the three vessels still out the C. D. Rand was reported from Clayoquot yesterday as having 130, while the Penelope and Libbie were spoken on the 17th, the former with 120 skins and the latter with 117 skins.

Navigators one and all report that stormy weather and the wildness of the seal were alone responsible for the poor catches. Several had hunted off the Queen Charlotte islands, where Capt. McKiel made his big haul, but did not happen along at the same opportune time, with the consequent ill luck.

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—The regular monthly meeting of the Teachers' Institute was held yesterday afternoon when a resolution was passed favoring the continuance of the arrangement of paying salaries in twelve equal monthly instalments. As will be remembered the school laws provide that the salaries shall be paid in ten equal instalments on the last day of each month from September to June, inclusive. This rule begins with the school year 1903-1904.

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EXPERT EVIDENCE NEEDED BY POLICE

When Definition of Swill Is Required—How Lee Sing Escaped a Conviction.

What is swill? The word is not a euphonic one, but it exactly fits the substance it designates. There may be one general conception of what it is composed of, but it is not the easiest thing in the world to prove in a police court. The authorities found this out to-day when they tried to secure a conviction against Lee Sing, who was charged with an infraction of the health by-law.

Sing was seen conveying a melange of stuff in which fish entrails predominated, on Cormorant street on Saturday evening. Information was laid charging him with an infraction of the health by-law in conveying swill through the streets within prohibited hours. This morning when the case came up in the police court Sing's counsel, Lindley Crease, contended that it was not proved that the contents of Sing's load was swill, being a variety of fish internals, liquid and some decayed vegetable leaves as a side dish. The magistrate held with Mr. Crease that the authorities had not proved their case, so the charge was dismissed. It is quite evident from the foregoing that the next time the police go into a prosecution of this sort they should secure expert testimony.

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Yesterday afternoon Constables Harper and Blackstock discovered a miserable-looking Chinaman lying down just outside Hay's blacksmith shop. He appeared to be in extremis, and the two constables, somewhat alarmed, hurried back, secured a blanket and carried their emaciated charge to the police station. He was apparently so far gone that the jailer telephoned for the health officer, and Dr. Robertson soon arrived. The Chinaman was found to be in no immediate danger of dissolution, in fact with him it was an illustration of the deception of appearances. It was discovered that he had just escaped from the Chinese hospital, where he had been confined for upwards of a year, his friends footing the bill. When brought to the station he was unable to walk, but it was observed that in response to the jailer's stern order he gathered himself together in short order and trotted off with little difficulty.

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Magistrate Hall in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon ventilated a charge of stealing two fence boards preferred against Mrs. Newcombe by Mrs. Morley. Both ladies reside in Lake district, and the charge was the culmination of a minor upheaval which occurs whenever the grass is ripe for pasture. Between the premises owned by Mrs. Morley and the plot rented by Mrs. Newcombe for pasture purposes there is a small tract of land thirty or forty feet wide, apparently intended as a short-cut for pedestrians. Through part of this Mrs. Newcombe had been in the habit of driving her cattle to her own field for pasture. Recently, however, Mrs. Morley erected a fence across one end of it, and this raised all the trouble. Mrs. Newcombe contended that Mrs. Morley had no right to build that fence, and at once knocked it down. Mrs. Morley hurried to the provincial police and told her story. She said she saw Mrs. Newcombe take away two boards. She was advised to lay an information to this effect, and did so. In the court yesterday, however, she rather staggered Sergeant Murray by admitting that she had not seen the boards removed, but had heard that they were. This was not sufficient to convist, so the case was dismissed.

That innocent piece of land is a perennal source of neighborly disputes. Sergeant Murray has frequently attempted to arbitrate the question, but has exhausted his stock of diplomacy to no avail. Neither lady owns the land in question, so neither has the right to fence it in.

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—After sitting at Ladysmith this week the labor commission will be taken to Cumberland on the D. G. S. Quadra, which has been placed at the disposal of the commissioners.

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CITY ENGINEER TO REPORT NEXT WEEK

ABOUT THE VICTORIA TERMINAL RAILWAY

Will First Satisfy Himself as to Victorian's Car Carrying Capacity—Meeting of Council.

Contrary to expectations, the city engineer did not report to the city council last night regarding the Victoria Terminal railway, but this will be forthcoming in full at the next regular meeting. At the official trip of inspection he had no opportunity of satisfying himself as to the capacity of the ferry steamer to carry the number of loaded cars specified in the by-law, and before reporting will make sure on this point. There is little doubt, however, that he will find the Victorian well able to meet the demands made upon her carrying capacity.

The Everett Chamber of Commerce invited the Mayor and aldermen to attend their reception to President Roosevelt on Saturday. Seats will be reserved on the grand stand for the Victoria solons. Mayor McCandless said he would like to see some of the council there. The invitation was accepted. The Mayor and most of the aldermen will likely attend.

H. Dallas Helmcken enclosed several printed copies of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act submitted by the council. These are receiving the consideration of the special committee. Filed, and Mr. Helmcken to be thanked.

F. Gordeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, communicated a copy of letter which had recently been forwarded to various parties in British Columbia, giving the decision of the department, as already made public, in the matter of applications for permission to use trap nets and purse seines. The applications will remain on record for future reference. This was received and filed.

Secretary Elworthy, of the board of trade, transmitted a copy of the report of the gold guarantee fund committee of the board, and the resolution passed by that body in this connection. He asked the council's co-operation in securing a continuance of the arrangement for the purchase of gold in this city. Both the report and resolution were published in these columns on Saturday evening.

The Mayor favored endorsing the recommendation. The city was supposed to go security for part of the guarantee fund. Ald. Cameron said the city paid about $250 per year for the past two years.

The council duly endorsed the resolution passed by the board.

Fell & Gregory, on behalf of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, made a formal demand for certain lots to which the company are entitled under the agreement with the city.

In reply to Ald. Yates, the Mayor said the city engineer intended to report fully regarding the line next week.

Ald. Vincent said he didn't think the engineer could report on this matter. No cars were loaded on the steamer or unloaded during their trip, so the engineer couldn't say whether the steamer could carry eight cars or not.

The Mayor replied that this was the reason why the engineer had not reported. Mr. Topp would satisfy himself on the matter before reporting. The communication was referred to the city solicitor pending the report from the city engineer.

Roderick Mackenzie, of Head street, Victoria West, complained of the bad condition of a drain which had been condemned by the sanitary inspector. Referred to city engineer.

Wm. M. Preece petitioned for the appointment of a commission to investigate a number of charges against the police. Referred to the police commissioners. The charges were not read in council.

Christian Sivertz, president of the Trades and Labor Council, invited the council to the public meeting to be held to-night in the city hall to consider the question of establishing of a technical school. The invitation was accepted.

A. H. Mitchell applied for a permanent sidewalk and boulevard opposite his lots on Yates street and a wooden sidewalk along Fernwood road near the intersection of Yates. Referred to city engineer for report.

F. G. Richards inquired what action the authorities intended taking regarding the bill board on the corner of Blanchard and Johnson streets.

The Mayor explained that the board was found to be on the street line, and steps would, therefore, be taken to have it removed. Mr. Richards will be informed to this effect.

R. F. Verrinder enclosed a cheque for $290 on account for the grading of Regent Park avenue, which is being done by the city. The weather being favorable he asked that the work be proceeded with.

The city engineer reported that the work would cost $295. It was decided that the work should be done as soon as possible.

W. G. Cameron and other clothiers petitioned for an early closing by-law providing that the clothing stores shall be closed at 6 p. m. instead of 7 o'clock, with the exception of Saturday's and days before holidays. Referred to the city solicitor to draw up the necessary by-law.

The city clerk reported that the following had been referred to the city engineer; complaint of J. R. Mackenzie regarding a drain and an application for extension of sewer from Johnson street to Pandora. Received and filed.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of $1,102.79 for the payment of accounts contained in a requisition from school board. Adopted.

The electric light committee recommended that a light be installed on the corner of North Pembroke street and Fernwood road at a cost of $30.

Ald. Yates and Stewart objected to the electric light committee ignoring the request for a light on School street.

Ald. Kinsman said the committee had reported enough on these applications, as the files would show. He wanted the report adopted. If they desired a report on other matters they should appoint another committee to do it. School street was sufficiently lighted.

Ald. Yates moved, seconded by Ald. Stewart, that provision be made in the report for the installation of a light on Cadboro Bay road, at School street, to take the place of the one removed. The amendment was lost, Alds. Yates, Goodacre and Stewart voting for it. The report was adopted as it stood.

Ald. Dinsdale drew the council's attention to what appeared to him to be violations of the building by-laws on the part of the proprietors of some of the amusement places, who were erecting galleries and stairways. They looked like death traps. The Mayor said he would instruct the building inspector to investigate.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee reported as follows:

Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to recommend the following resolution for adoption by the council, viz.:

Re Permanent Sidewalks.

Resolved that permanent sidewalks be laid down on the following streets, namely:

Government street, west side, between the Victoria hotel and Cormorant street.

Cormorant street, south side, between Government and Store streets.

Linden avenue, both sides, from the end of the present sidewalks to Belcher street.

In front of the Hudson Bay Co.'s store, Wharf street.

Belleville street, south side, from Menzies street to John street.

Resolved, That the appeal made on behalf of the James Porter estate by Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, in respect to the sewer tax assessment on lot 435 and W. half 439, be allowed, and the city engineer be instructed to alter the roll accordingly.

Resolved, that the application for a better water service on Belcher street be granted, and that with regard to Mr. F. B. Pemberton's application for an extension of the water service on St. Charles street for a distance of 1,000 feet, that Mr. Pemberton be informed that the council regrets its inability, owing to lack of funds, to accept Mr. Pemberton's offer and to make the necessary expenditure involved to the city.

Resolved, That a special committee, consisting of Aldermen Cameron, Vincent and Dinsdale, be appointed to investigate and report upon the matter of a stagnant pond on the lot adjoining Mr. Hassard's property, Spring Ridge.

Ald. Stewart moved that the report provide for the laying of a sidewalk on the north side of Cormorant street instead of the south side.

Ald. Grahame preferred to have the matter deferred for a week pending a report from the city engineer. This course was decided upon. The report as amended was adopted.

The following were appointed a court of revision to meet to-morrow (to-day): Alds. Yates, Kinsman, Goodacre, Grahame and the Mayor.

The stevedore by-law was stood over for another week. The council then adjourned.

The Spanish Cortes reassembled on Monday. In the speech from the throne, King Alfonso expressed confidence that parliament would do its utmost to help him at the beginning of his reign to revivify the life of the nation, improve the laws, strengthen the credit of the country, and develop the national resources and general liberty and well-being of the people.

Fire on Saturday night destroyed the furniture factory of Gordon & Keith at Halifax. Loss $30,000, insurance about $6,000.

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SPORTING

CRICKET.

SCHEDULED GAMES.

On Saturday afternoon at the Canteen grounds a match will be played between the Victoria first eleven and H. M. S. Grafton teams. The V. C. C. second eleven will play the second eleven of the Royal Garrison Artillery on Saturday afternoon at the Barracks. On Monday, the 25th, at Beacon Hill, an all day match will be played by the Victoria first eleven with a Seattle and Tacoma aggregation.

BASEBALL.

SIX MATCHES.

Six games are scheduled to be played by the Victoria team before the end of the month. The first will be with the semi-professional team of Tacoma, known as the Tacoma Grays. Two games will be contested with this nine, one to take place on Friday evening next and another on Saturday afternoon at the Oak Bay grounds. The Whatcom team will play two games with the local nine, one taking place on "Victoria Day" and the other on Tuesday evening. On Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th, the Victorias will try conclusions with the University of Washington team. All evening matches will be called promptly at 6 o'clock. In order to fill all these games the local boys will be kept busy.

YACHTING.

SPEED A PROBLEM.

City Island, N. Y., May 18.—C. Oliver Iselin, managing owner of the cup yacht Reliance, made it clear to-day that the speed of the new craft is a problem to him. Either Constitution or Columbia might outsail her, he admitted. Mr. Iselin said Reliance would be launched to-morrow and return immediately to New Rochelle.

ONE DESIGN RACE.

On Saturday afternoon the first of a series of eight races for the one design boats was held under the auspices of the Victoria Yacht Club. There was a very unreliable breeze. The start was made off Pearline Rock at 3.30 p. m., four boats lining up. They crossed in the following order: Redskin, Aloha, Oneida and Marietta. Macaulay Point was rounded in the same order as the start. Brotchie Ledge buoy was reached as follows: Redskin, 3.34:34; Aloha, 3.35:00; Oneida, 3.36:18; Marietta, 3.37:05.

The finish was as follows: Redskin, 4.37:25, 1st prize, 4 points; Aloha, 4.42:36, 2nd prize, 3 points; Oneida, 4.44:41, 2 points; Marietta, 4.46:28, 1 point.

On Saturday, May 23rd, the next race, starting at 3.30 p. m. from Pearline Rock, will be held. It will be for A and B class yachts.

THE ROD.

PROTECTION OF TROUT.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting of those desirous of seeing steps taken for the better protection of trout held at the Victoria Tourist Association rooms last evening. Mr. Mann was appointed chairman. After considerable discussion the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That a committee be appointed to consider the question of forming a fish and game club, for the purpose of protecting the game and game fishing in the district adjacent to Victoria. Also to draw up a draft constitution, and an estimate of the support that could be obtained for such a club."

A committee was appointed as follows: Mr. Mann, G. Hartnagle, E. Musgrave, G. L. Courtney, O. Bass, T. G. Fox, P. C. MacGregor, Wm. Brice, and H. Cuthbert, secretary.

If a club is successfully organized, it is the intention that the blasting of the falls at Shawnigan Lake and the placing of fish ladders in order to allow the salmon access to the lake for spawning purposes will be one of the first actions of the association. The question of preventing the destruction of salmon in the Cowichan river by the Indians was discussed.

Next Wednesday evening a meeting of the committee mentioned will be held, commencing at 7.30 o'clock, in the Tourist Association rooms. This will be followed by a general meeting of all anglers interested.

THE OAR.

ROWING DOWN THE SOUND.

"The first intercollegiate boat race, which is to occur on Lake Washington on June 1st between the state universities of Washington and California, will assume the dignity of a regatta, in which all the leading oarsmen of the Northwest will be invited to compete," says Sunday's Post-Intelligencer.

"During the past week Coach Knight and General Manager Laube have been busy at the university working out the details of the programme, and the coming week will see the plans still more matured. On Saturday the Varsity crew leave for Victoria, where they will receive the fast racing gig loaned them by the James Bay Athletic Club, of that city. The following Monday they will row against a team from the James Bay club in the Victoria regatta.

"It was originally proposed to hold the intercollegiate race over the course on Lake Union along the boulevard on the west side, but it has since been deemed advisable to change the plan, and the race will be rowed over a mile and a half course on Lake Washington, with the finish near the Leschi park stand that overlooks the lake.

"The regatta will open with a number of canoe races, in which many of the expert canoeists of this section of the country will participate. These events will be followed with an exhibition single race, in which James Knight, the Varsity coach, who is an oarsman of national reputation, will row against some of the crack Canadian clubmen. There will be races between the junior crews of the University of Washington and the James Bay Athletic Club and Seattle University Club crews, in which some of the most prominent ex-college oarsmen of American universities will take part. The regatta will close with the great struggle between California and Washington for the collegiate championship of the Pacific Coast.

"Knight has had two crews out every afternoon for the past five weeks, and by the time they leave for the Victoria regatta, next Saturday, they should be in fair condition for their initial race. The university owns two gigs, but as neither is fast enough for racing the James Bay Club have loaned the college boys their fast boat for the contest with California. A peculiarity of the James Bay club gig is that it does not provide for a coxswain, but is steered by means of a device applied to the foot of one of the oarsmen. The California gig provides for a coxswain and the Wasaington boys will offset this advantage by carrying a dead weight equal to that of the coxswain.

"In their race at Victoria the Washington crew will have an opportunity to become accustomed to their new boat, as well as to get the experience of a match contest with a strong crew."

Jenny Lind

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TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., May, 1903.

(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

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AS SEEN BY ONE OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

A Young Lady Describes What She Saw on the Visit of Inspection—Very Interesting Processes.

Miss Mabel Cameron describes what she saw when the High school pupils inspected the Brackman & Ker Milling Co.'s and M. R. Smith & Co.'s factories, in the following essay:

It was on Friday, the eighth of May, that the school children of Victoria started on a circuit of inspection of the various local industries. The first place to be visited by girls of the High school—for the boys of that institution went to M. R. Smith's first—was the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Limited.

After leaving the cars which conveyed us from Fernwood road to the outer wharf, we marched to the entrance of the National Mills. Upon lining up on the Brackman-Ker wharf we were divided into four groups of about twenty each, so as to facilitate explanations of the processes we were to be shown. Mr. Ker then gave us a concise account of what we might expect to see inside. This was done in order that we should have a clear idea of the business carried on in the mills, for the noise of the machinery would not permit much explanation.

The building is a four story wooden structure, situated just at the mouth of Victoria harbor, and thus much expense is saved by having the raw material transferred directly from the steamer to the premises. The mill was turning out rolled oats and corn meal the day we were there. After the oats are landed they are carried by trucks to a hopper, and are never touched by hands again until the consumer uses them. From the hopper they are conveyed to an elevator which lifts them to the top of the building, and before they are ready for market they go from the top to the bottom of the place and back about twenty times.

The first stage in the converting of raw oats into rolled oats is the cleaning process. The grading comes next, and is very interesting. It shows what machinery in this age can do when by means of it the long thin oats are separated from the short thick ones. After this the oats are dried, and this is done in a kiln of eight floors. Following this is the grading, and then comes the hulling. Three times this latter process is repeated before the grain is wholly divested of its covering. As about fifty per cent. of the oats is dust they are cleaned a second time, after which the steaming is effected to soften them. After having passed over a hot surface to evaporate the moisture they are rolled and again dried.

On the second floor the packing is done, and the rolled oats are ready to be shipped, cooked and eaten. Wheat passes through almost the same processes. Besides preparing oats and wheat, large quantities of buckwheat, pearl barley, split peas, white and yellow corn meal, cracked wheat, self-rising buckwheat flour, whole wheat and graham flour are turned out. Regarding the whole wheat and graham flour, it is well to notice that the graham contains more of the grain than the whole wheat, although the name whole wheat would not lead you to think so.

In the basement boxes are made and sacks are stamped. From here also the power that drives all the machinery originates. The boiler is one of ninety horse power, and occupies a room eighteen by forty feet. The engine room is somewhat smaller, being twenty-two feet by thirty, and containing an engine of one hundred and twenty-five horse power. The warehouse is a large building standing on the wharf in a prominent position and measuring sixty feet by two hundred. The mill has been in operation thirteen years, and we wish it many more successful years. The gentlemen who showed us around were untiring in their efforts to have us understand the processes, and each pupil and teacher who was present was given a sample sack of rolled oats as a souvenir and a reminder to patronize home industries.

Even more interesting than the visit to the Brackman-Ker Milling Co. was the inspection of the biscuit factory on Niagara street. Here the chief interest centred on the making of crackers, or soda biscuits, for which M. R. Smith & Co. are renowned. The ingredients, which Mr. Smith kindly consented to name, were flour, water, soda, salt and yeast. The dough is mixed by machinery and allowed to rise over night. The soda biscuits are made every day from 1.30 p. m. to 5.15, and as about five thousand are turned out in ten minutes some idea of the enormous sale of biscuits may be readily gained. After being mixed, the dough is rolled by machinery and also by hand. A considerable amount of flour is added for the rolling, but this is dusted off before the biscuits are cooked. A very interesting stage of the biscuit making is now seen. This is the stamping and cutting, which is done with the same machine at the same time. The cook, or whatever you choose to call him, scoops up on his tray six dozen biscuits at a time and places them on the pan to cook. Each pan holds six trayfuls, and there are twelve pans altogether. These twelve panfuls take from seven to ten minutes to bake, and the biscuits are then raked into a trough and transferred to the packing room, where they are placed into boxes by eight or nine nimble-fingered lady packers, and are then ready for market. Fancy biscuits are made to a great extent as well.

Much bread is also turned out from the establishment and is an important factor of the business. The dough is mixed on the second floor and sent down to the floor below by means of a chute. Here it is allowed to rise, and is worked into loaves. Each loaf is weighed before being cooked, thus insuring uniformity. Huge brick ovens bake it to a nicety, and it is then delivered to customers.

A rising industry of M. R. Smith's is the manufacture of candy. This was extremely interesting to us, as we were able to sample the different varieties owing to the generosity of the firm. The boiling is done in huge copper basins heated by steam. The moulds of the fancy shaped candies are of rubber, while the cream for chocolate creams is moulded in corn starch. A very popular and tasty candy is the slender chocolate-coated biscuit. Two young ladies are employed to dip these biscuits in the delicious chocolate. They work on marble slabs, and it is very fascinating to watch them cover the biscuits and deftly place them on oiled paper to dry. As Mr. Smith uses nothing but British Columbia manufactured sugar for his candies, I think we should wholly patronize him when we have occasion to deal in the confectionery line.

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AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

The department of marine and fisheries has just given notice that a wharf has been built by the government of British Columbia at the head of Howe Sound, which runs northwardly from the Strait of Georgia into the mainland of British Columbia. This wharf extends 7 cables S. 12 deg. W., from the southeast point of the delta at the mouth of Squaimish river and its outer end is in 9 feet of water. The line of the wharf passes 50 feet to the westward of the snag known on Admiralty chart No. 579, and the outer end of the wharf is 125 feet outside the snag. The sand bank extending south from the delta is now twice the width shown on the charts. It dries at low water and its outer edge drops off at once to 5 fathoms; the dry sand at low water extends to within a few feet of the end of the wharf. As the remains of the snag shown are inside the wharf, and at a point which dries at low tide, it may be removed from the chart. The name Staamus is not now locally known, but there is a settlement, with a post office, named Squamish on the east side of the east mouth of the river.

The department also gives notice that recent information has been received that the fixed white lantern light described in notice to mariners No. 81 (277) of 1902, as being on the south side of Killisnoo island, does not exist.

The following is a list of the existing aids to navigation in Killisnoo harbor:

"In the northern approach.—A second-class nun buoy, red, No. 2, marks the northern edge of the reef making out northward from the western end of Killisnoo island; on the following bearings: Killisnoo north wharf, outer end, N. 82 deg. E., distant 1¼ miles. Killisnoo island, tangent to west end, S. 21 deg. W. A beacon light (fixed white) is maintained on the structure located on the north side of Killisnoo island, near its east end, on the following bearings: Killisnoo north wharf, outer end, S. 89 deg. E., distant 260 yards. Killisnoo island, north tangent, S. 73 deg. W.

In the southern approach.—A light is shown at times by the Alaska Oil Company, on the beacon on the rocks making off southward from the east end of Killisnoo island, located on the following bearings: Killisnoo north wharf, outer end, No. 31 deg. W., distant 475 yards. Killisnoo island, south tangent, S. 59 deg. W. A third-class nun buoy, red, No. 2, marks a submerged rock on the eastern side of the channel, on the following bearings: Killisnoo north wharf, outer end, N. 65 deg. W., distant 700 yards. Killisnoo island, south tangent, S. 63 deg. W.

YUKON OPEN.

According to a Dawson dispatch of Sunday's date "the Yukon opened in front of Dawson on Wednesday, and the river is now clear from La Barge to Five Fingers. The Klondike river opened last Sunday, the Stewart on Wednesday, and the Pelly on Thursday. The Hootalinqua and Big Salmon are not yet open. There are big ice jams at Five Fingers, Selkirk, Stewart and Ogilvie. Steamers from La Barge are due to reach here about next Tuesday. The bridge spanning Hunker creek is in imminent danger of going out. It has already had several narrow escapes. A big gang of men has been working day and night to save the structure. Forty tons of rock have been brought to the bridge to aid in making it secure, and it is thought now that it will hold. White Pass stages are still travelling overland with the mails. There will be no mail from the lower river, however, until it arrives by steamer. Twenty-eight above Bonanza continues to show up very rich. Last Sunday's clean-up amounted to $50,000. This claim has been worked since '98, but never showed up as rich before as it has this season. Hunker and Dominion creeks will produce more this winter than last. All the creeks are showing up well."

QUEEN CITY ARRIVES.

After making a special trip to Quatsino with supplies for the Yreka mines, the steamer Queen City arrived this morning. Only one sealer, the O. D. Rand, which was reported yesterday, was seen on the voyage, although most of the ports of call were visited. The passengers arriving on the steamer were Father Fay, Messrs. Russell, Johnston, Carruthers, McKelvy, Leeson, Pearson, Brown, L. Thompson, H. Y. Newton, McGinty, J. Holland, W. P. Daykin, Beecher, Callagar, H. E. Newton, and eight loggers, and Mrs. Reeves. The loggers have been engaged in the San Juan district. At Wreck Bay the steamer landed a crowd of Chinamen on her up trip, and these have begun work on the placers there located, though with what success had not been learned by the officers of the ship returning. Mate Campbell, who was formerly a sealing navigator, says that a fine westerly breeze was blowing on the coast and vessels of the sealing fleet should find no difficulty in arriving home.

MARINE NOTES.

The trip to have been taken by the Cottage City on the 24th has been cancelled as the repairs to the Alaskan liner cannot be completed by that time. The Spokane, which arrived yesterday from the north, will sail again on the 26th. This will be the first Alaskan excursion of the season.

The German ship Neck has completed her lumber cargo at the Chemainus mill and will tow to sea to-day.

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F. CURRAN, Pound Keeper.

Victoria, B. C., May 18th, 1903.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE, OTTAWA.

Sealed tenders (in duplicate) for the supply of Coal and Fuel Wood required to heat the Military Buildings at Victoria, B. C., for the 12 months commencing on 1st July, 1903, will be received up to Wednesday, 3rd June next. Each tender is to be marked "Tender for Fuel," and addressed to the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa.

Printed forms of tender containing full particulars may be obtained from the undersigned at Ottawa, or at the Office of the District Officer Commanding, who will furnish any necessary information if applied to therefor.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, for five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party making the tender decline to sign a contract when called upon to do so. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

A. BENOIT, Major, Secretary.

Department of Militia and Defence, Ottawa, May 7th, 1903.

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WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

City Clerk's office, Victoria, B.C., May 12th, 1903.

TENDERS.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the stock in trade, goodwill and book debts of Erskine, Wall & Co., grocers, Government street, Victoria.

For particulars apply to

J. H. LAWSON, C. F. TODD, Assignees.

TENDERS

Will be received by the undersigned until the 22nd of May, 1903, for the purchase of West Part of 2 of 1 and 2 Saanich Extension of the Work Estate, containing over ½ an acre of land, with good 10 roomed house thereon, stable, orchard, etc. This property is known as the Maynard residence, and is situated on the Burnside road close to Douglas street car line. Intending investors will do well to look this property up, as a bargain will be given by the mortgagees. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, 23rd day of May inst., for the purchase of lot No. 297, Victoria City, together with the brewery building thereon, and the brewing plant, stock, fixtures and effects, the whole known as the Lion Brewery.

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Victoria, B.C., May 25th, 1903

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VICTORIA WATERWORKS.

Attention is called to Sec. 22, of the "Waterworks Regulation By-Law, 1900," which reads as follows: "No person shall sprinkle, or use in any manner whatsoever, the water supplied by the city upon lawns, gardens, yards or grounds of any description, except between the hours of 5 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and the hours of 5 and 10 o'clock in the evening, unless the water so used shall be supplied by meter."

JAS. L. RAYMUR, Water Commissioner.

City Hall, May 5th, 1903.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL CAMPBELL, LATE OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, B. C., MASTER MARINER.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Daniel Campbell, who died on the 21st day of April, 1903, are required on or before the 9th day of June, 1903, to send to the undersigned their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims. And further take notice that after such date the administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice and that the said administratrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received at the time of distribution.

Dated the 8th day of May, 1903.

GEO. A. MORPHY, Solicitor for the administratrix.

Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the following described tract of land situated on the shores of Buttle's Lake, in Comox and Clayoquot Districts: Commencing at a point on the east shore of Buttle's Lake, where the E. & N. railroad land grant line intersects Buttle's Lake; thence along said E. & N. railroad land grant line in a southeasterly direction for a distance of two and one half miles; thence in a southerly direction following a line paralleling the east shore line of the lake and distant therefrom two miles to the head of Buttle's Lake; thence in a northerly direction following a line paralleling the west shore line of the said Buttle's Lake, and distant therefrom two miles, to the point of intersection with the E. & N. railroad land grant line; thence southeasterly along said land grant line to the lake shore; thence along said shore line in a southerly and northerly direction to the place of beginning, containing about 50,000 acres more or less.

WILL. H. PARRY.

Victoria, May 4th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next regular session of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, I intend to apply for a transfer to Charles Albert Stewart, of the said City of Victoria, of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail, on the premises known as the Colonist Hotel, corner of Simcoe and Catherine streets, in the said City of Victoria.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1903.

ALFRED WOOD, By his Attorney-in-Fact, John Colgdarrige.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next regular session of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, I intend to apply for a transfer to Mrs. Carolina Ferando, of the said City of Victoria, of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail, on the premises known as the Colonial Hotel, Johnson street, in the said City of Victoria.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1903.

JOSEPH SAUER.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.

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Phone 294. Dom. Govt. Auctioneer.

Auction

I am instructed by Mrs. Carter, who is retiring from business, to sell at

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Wednesday 20th, 2 p. m.

New and Second Hand

Furniture

Including: 3 Cook Stoves, Heaters, Lounges, Tables, Sideboard, Bedroom Suites, Mattresses, Dinner Sets, Glassware, Pictures, Upholstered Settee, Rockers, new Kitchen Tables, Meat Safes, Lamps, Wardrobe, Plants, etc.

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AT SALEROOMS, 77-79 DOUGLAS ST.,

Friday, May 22nd, 2 p. m.

BEDDING OUT

—AND—

POTTED PLANTS

Including: Geraniums, Fuchsias, Marguerites, Draconas, Umbrella Plants, Palms, Ferns, Hanging Baskets, and all kinds of Bedding Out Plants.

Hardaker

AUCTIONEER

NANAIMO GAS COMPANY.

Annual Meeting Was Held on Saturday —Officers Elected and Reports Received.

The annual meeting of the Nanaimo Gas Company was held at the company's office, Nanaimo, on Saturday last, at which the annual report of the secretary-treasurer as well as that of the auditors was received.

The report received showed a more prosperous year than that of 1902. The management intend to still further extend their mains, and to induce consumers to use gas for fuel purposes.

The directors elected for the year were: Dr. G. L. Milne, Thomas Shotbolt, Morgan Harris, J. Bryant and W. K. Leighton.

The officers elected at a meeting of the directors subsequently held are: President, Dr. Milne; vice-president, T. Shotbolt; secretary and treasurer, W. K. Leighton.

—There are a batch of meetings on the programme for to-night. There will be a public gathering in the city hall, under the auspices of the trades and labor council, to consider the question of establishing a technical school in the city. The various public bodies have been invited to attend this meeting. The Jubilee hospital board of directors will also meet to discuss the matter of taking over the control of the Isolation hospital. The chamber of commerce will meet in usual weekly session. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the very important committee on finance in connection with the celebration arrangements will deal with a number of matters referred to them.

—A special meeting of Local No. 230, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, will be held in Labor hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Business of special importance will be up for consideration.

—The executive board of the Agricultural Association met this morning and appointed R. H. Swinerton secretary. The association itself will meet to-morrow night.

—The Ladies of the Maccabees, Baxter Hive, Victoria West, will meet in Semple's hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

REPORTS DISCUSSED BY CONFERENCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK THROUGHOUT PROVINCE

District Secretaries Nominated—Business Dealt With Last Night and This Morning.

There was a large attendance at last night's session of the Methodist conference. The president, Rev. James Turner, occupied the chair. The usual devotional exercises were first held, after which the report of the Sunday school committee was submitted by the the secretary, Geo. H. Morden.

The report in part says:

"We have carefully examined the returns, and make special mention of the following items: Total number of schools in province, 88; total membership, 7,328; increase, 240; total force, 8,289; increase, 1,201. Two hundred scholars have united with the church during the year; $687 has been raised for missions; amount raised for all purposes, $8,246; increase, $1,509.

"Your committee is of the opinion that the matter of the conversion of the boys and girls in our schools calls for more earnest attention. To this end we recommend that the Decision Day be employed and adopted to local conditions. We are heartily in favor of the information in every school of a home department and a cradle roll, also of holding a Sabbath school prayer meeting once a month in conjunction with the regular session, and also with the formation of Normal classes. We believe that there are valuable benefits to accure to Sabbath school work in those communities in which the plan is particable through the formation of local branches of the International Sunday School Association.

"Your committee recommend that in future the Sunday school and Epworth League convention be held bi-ennially at the same time and place as the annual conference, and that official provision for the same be made in the conference programme.

"In order that the several items of this report may find their way to the greatest possible extent into the practical operation of the several schools throughout the conference, and that there may be provided some means whereby the most approved methods of Sabbath school work shall be brought forcibly before each school, we recommend that a Sabbath school secretary be appointed for each district, whose duty it shall be to visit when practicable each school upon the district assigned to him at least once a year for the purpose of conferring with local workers upon methods of work, and that each school so visited provide the secretary's expenses."

District secretaries were nominated as follows: Victoria, Noah Shakespeare; Vancouver, R. H. Cairns; Yukon, Rev. W. H. Barraclough; Westminster, C. S. Keith; Kamloops, Rev. A. E. Hetherington; West Kootenay, Rev. J. H. Waite; East Kootenay, Rev. J. H. White; Indian district, Rev. R. Whittington, M. A., D. D.

C. S. Keith was nominated conference secretary for the ensuing term. Discussion of the report was left over until this morning.

Rev. B. C. Freeman presented the report of the committee on Epworth League work. This said in part: "We regret to note that the schedule report shows a decrease in the number of societies, but this is accounted for by the fact that the Indian district reports being incomplete show only five societies, whereas last year they had fifteen. The total amount raised for missions is $351, an increase of $45 over last year." The report was laid over for later consideration.

An address was then given by Rev. Goro Kaburagi, M. A., who explained the condition of affairs in the northwestern portion of Japan, where thousands of people were starving, and asked that a liberal contribution be made in aid of the sufferers. A collection was taken, and $31.75 was given towards the fund.

During the evening a number of musical selections were rendered by the choir.

Morning's Session.

This morning's session was marked by a lengthy discussion of the Sunday school report, and its final adoption as submitted. Rev. James Turner presided, and after devotional exercises an address was delivered by Rev. R. N. Powell.

In answer to a communication from C. J. South, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, asking that the sermons on Sunday, July 5th, refer to the work of that association, the following resolution carried: "That the request of the provincial executive of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in British Columbia be acceded to, as far as it is possible for the brethern to comply therewith."

Miss Hapgood tells how she was cured of Fallopian and Ovarian Inflammation—and escaped an awful operation by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered for four years with what the doctors called Salpingitis (inflammation of the fallopian tubes and ovaritis), which is a most distressing and painful ailment, affecting all the surrounding parts, undermining the constitution, and sapping the life forces. If you had seen me a year ago, before I began taking **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound,** and had noticed the sunken eyes, sallow complexion, and general emaciated condition, and compared that person with me as I am today, robust, hearty and well, you would not wonder that I feel thankful to you and your wonderful medicine, which restored me to new life and health in five months, and saved me from an awful operation."—MISS IRENE HAPGOOD, 1022 Sandwich St., Windsor, Ont.

Ovaritis or inflammation of the ovaries or fallopian tubes which adjoin the ovaries may result from sudden stopping of the monthly flow, from inflammation of the womb, and many other causes. The slightest indication of trouble with the ovaries, indicated by dull throbbing pain in the side, accompanied by heat and shooting pains, should claim your instant attention. It will not cure itself, and a hospital operation, with all its terrors, may easily result from neglect.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—**I can truly say that you have saved my life, and I cannot express my gratitude to you in words.**

"Before I wrote to you telling how I felt, I had doctored for over two years steady and spent lots of money in medicine besides, but it all failed to do me any good. My menses did not appear in that time, and I suffered much pain. I would daily have fainting spells, headache, backache and bearing down pain, and was so weak that it was hard for me to do my work.

"I used your medicine and treatment as directed, and after taking three bottles of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound,** menses appeared, my womb troubles left me, and I have been regular ever since. I used fourteen bottles of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** and **Blood Purifier** together, and am now restored to perfect health. Had it not been for you, I would have been in my grave.

"I will always recommend your wonderful remedies, and hope that these few lines may lead others who suffer as I did to try your remedies."—MRS. T. C. WILLADSEN, R. R. No. 1, Manning, Iowa.

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IN STRONG DEMAND.

Okell Patent of Pots Growing Rapidly in Popularity—Incoming Shipments.

This year a large proportion of the salmon output will be shipped to England and eastern points in the well known Okell patent porcelain pots. These pots have recently come under the inspection of the medical faculty of England, and the Lancet, in commenting on the result, says that they are the most perfect used in the packing of salmon, being entirely free from metallic contamination.

In preparation for this season pack, C. W. Pike & Company, of San Francisco, recently imported from England on the China Mutual liner Oanfa 8,800 cases of pots, and they are expecting on the Keemun this week an additional shipment of 12,960 cases. Following this consignment will be another shipment of 13,240 cases of pots on the Ajax, of the same line, making a total of 35,000 cases of pots all told. Besides these there are being made to the south of the boundary for the use of the American market 2,500 cases. A noteworthy fact in connection with the importation of these pots is that this year the demand for them by consignees in London is just five times as great as it was last year. Several carloads are now in demand for shipment overland to Eastern Canada and England.

LEGAL NEWS.

Number of Applications Before Mr. Justice Walkem.

Mr. Justice Walkem disposed of the following applications in Chambers this morning:

Re John Riley, deceased—F. Higgins obtained probate of will.

Re Henry Simpson, deceased—George Morphy obtained an order for letters of administration and appointment of a guardian.

His Lordship granted the following orders yesterday in Chambers:

Hopper vs. Dunsmuir—Affidavit of documents ordered. W. C. Moresby for plaintiff; R. H. Pooley contra.

Morgan vs. British Yukon Railway Co.—Decision was reserved on an application to amend writ of summons and statement of claim. J. M. Bradburn for plaintiff, R. Cassidy, K. C., contra.

Bauer Schweitzer Hop & Malt Co. vs. Gowen—Bank of B. N. A. claimants. An interpleader order was adjourned until the 20th inst. J. H. Lawson, jr., for sheriff, R. H. Pooley for plaintiffs, F. T. Cornwall for defendant, W. J. Taylor, K. C., for claimants.

GIVING SATISFACTION.

Manager of the Uganda Railway on American Engines.

(Associated Press.)

London, May 19.—Sir George Whitehouse, manager and chief engineer of the Uganda railroad, who has just returned here after seven and a half years spent in constructing the line, speaks highly of the American locomotives and bridges used. He said to a representative of the Associated Press: "We have 36 American and 35 British main line engines. The experiment with the American locomotives proved entirely satisfactory. They are ten per cent. cheaper, and although the finish is not so perfect, they are more suitable for a mountain railway, like the Uganda road."

EXAGGERATED.

No Lives Lost in Accident During a Bull Fight in Spain.

(Associated Press.)

Madrid, May 19.—The report published by a news agency in a dispatch yesterday that twelve persons were killed and fifty were injured during a bull fight on Sunday at Algeciras was greatly exaggerated. Part of the amphitheatre of Los Barrios, near Algeciras, collapsed and some persons were injured, but no people were killed, and no women or children were gored by bulls as announced in the dispatch referred to.

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China, in reply to further representations of the United States and Japanese ministers, has again pointed out the impossibility of including in the commercial treaties the opening to trade of Manchuria towns on account of Russian opposition. The American minister proposes that China open Mukden, Harbin and a small port at the mouth of the Yalu river.

TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.

(Furnished by the Stuart Robertson Co., Ltd., Successors to A. W. More & Co., Ltd., Mining Brokers, 28 Broad St.

Toronto, May 19.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange to-day:

	Asked.	Bid.
Black Tail	5	3½
Canadian G. F. S.	4½	3¾
Cariboo McKinney	14	11
Centre Star	31	29
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	$4.00	$3.00
Deer Trail Con.	2½	1½
Fairview Corp.	6½	6
Giant	3½	2
Granby Smelter	$5.05	$4.80
Iron Mask	6	..
Lone Pine-Surprise Con.	2	..
Morning Glory	3	1
Morrison	3	1
Mountain Lion	25	13
North Star	14	12
Payne	17	15
Rambler Cariboo Con.	..	40
Republic	5	3¾
Sullivan	6	3½
Virtue	8	6
War Eagle Con.	16	12
White Bear	4½	3¾
Winnipeg	4	..
Wonderful	4	...

Toronto Sales To-Day.

North Star—1,000, 1,500 at 12½.
Fairview—2,000, 3,000 at 6½.
Deer Trail—2,000 at 1¾.

Rossland Sales Yesterday.

White Bear—5,600 at 4¼.
Centre Star—1,000 at 30.
North Star—1,000 at 11.
Morning Glory—3,000 at 1¼.

HONEST LETTERS

Still Tell The Joyful News That

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A TARA, ONT., GENTLEMAN SAYS "AFTER I HAD FINISHED THE THIRD BOTTLE OF THE COMPOUND I CONSIDERED MYSELF A NEW MAN."

For years, men and women in every rang and walk of life have been sounding the praises of Paine's Celery Compound, and telling of its victories over disease and death. Those who were most heavily burdened with disease, victims of suffering pronounced incurable by doctors, and who stood on the brink of the grave, are the people who most gratefully remember Prof. Phelps, of Dartmouth College, the eminent physician and scientist who discovered Paine's Celery Compound, the medicine that never fails to conquer blood diseases, dyspepsia, rheumatism, neuralgia, liver and kidney troubles. Mr. T. Young, of Tara, Ont., happily rescued from a complication of dangerous ailments, writes as follows:

"After suffering for years with dyspepsia, sleeplessness, nervous prostration, loss of appetite, and a weak and tired feeling, and after consulting the best physicians in my locality, and having tried a great many so-called cures advertised in the papers, and receiving no benefit from any of them, I was persuaded to try a bottle of Paine's Celery Compound. I noticed an improvement before the first bottle was finished; and after I had finished the third bottle I considered myself a new man; all this was done by Paine's Celery Compound. I can now go about my work with my old time life and vigor; my sleep is sweet and sound, and my appetite good."

If you are in need of free medical advice, write to Consulting Physician's Department, The Wells & Richardson Co., Limited, Montreal, Que. All correspondence is sacredly confidential.

Sir Rivers Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk railway, and party will inspect the Canadian Northern, but will not go to the coast this trip.

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Oak Bay, 9-roomed dwelling, $25 per month.

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Cordova Bay summer cottage, $40 for 4 months.

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TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms; also bedroom for single gentleman. 120 Vancouver street.

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NOTICE TO PATRONS

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DIED.

IRWIN—On 17th May, after a short illness, Dixon Irwin, aged 59, born at Whitehaven, Cumberland, Eng.

Funeral takes place from family residence, 46 South Turner street, at 2.30 p. m., Wednesday, 20th inst.

Friends kindly accept this intimation.

HEAVY LOSS.

Thousands of Lambs Perished in Blizzard in Montana.

(Associated Press.)

Butte, Mont., May 19.—Northern and Southern Montana report heavy losses among lambs as a result of the snow storm which has prevailed. Tens of thousands of young lambs have fallen victims of the blizzard.

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